

PLACE FOR YOUNG MEN IS IN NAVY SAYS BLACKURN

To the Editor:

Mr. John E. Norstrom, representing the United States navy in Medford, has forwarded me a clipping from the Mail Tribune containing an attack on me, and apparently blaming me for the voluntary system.

There are numerous erroneous statements in the editorial, but I am too much occupied with enlisting patriotic young men in the first line of defense, the United States navy, to invite attention to all of them. The title of the editorial is very misleading. In the first place, I cannot see wherein my telegram could be termed an insult. In the second place, my telegram cannot be properly considered "uncalled for," because the president of the United States has twice called for young men to enlist in the navy, on account of the grave national emergency, and as Medford has sent fewer young men to the navy than most towns and cities in Oregon, it seems very much "called for" that, as representative of the navy in Oregon, I should endeavor to arouse local pride in the situation as it exists. In your editorial you direct the inquiry as follows: "What other towns in Oregon have furnished more recruits than Medford?" At random, I will name a few towns, each of which has furnished a great many more recruits to the regular navy than has Medford: Sheridan, Bandon, McMinnville, Corvallis, Lexington, Clatskanie, Burns, Klamath Falls and St. Helens. There are many others, but these should prove sufficient to answer your question. None of the towns mentioned have as great a population as has Medford.

I have no desire to withdraw all your available population for useful protection, but would consider that Medford, with her population of approximately 10,000, could spare at least twenty-five young men for the United States navy, the first line of defense. It would not seem that this number would exhaust your available population. As a matter of fact, Medford has sent eight splendid young men to the navy from January 1 until April 1, and I have reason to believe that there are other young men who would follow their example if the facts were brought before them. I certainly do not taunt Medford with cowardice as charged, but, on the contrary, believe that patriotism is just as real a thing in Medford as elsewhere in Oregon. Otherwise I would pass up Medford and not make an appeal.

I agree with you absolutely on the unfairness of the voluntary system. Personally, I am a thorough believer in the selective draft system advocated by our president, but just at present we have no such system; we are already involved in an unprecedented world war, and it is my duty to do the best with the only system at present instituted—the voluntary system. I have taken it upon myself to practically refuse to enlist in the regular navy young men who are married or who are the sole support of dependent relatives. The voluntary system does not contemplate this, but I have enforced it in my district whenever it came to my knowledge that such a young man planned to enlist.

I have the utmost respect for men beyond military age, and women who enlist in the various reserves, but the place right now for an able-bodied, unattached young American of military age is not in some reserve organization, but in the United States navy, our first line of defense, and the line on which we must depend for the opportunity to train such armies as may be required.

The virtue of fair play is inherent in "red-blooded" men, and I trust that that virtue will induce you to retract the unwarranted attack upon me in your editorial, and what is more to the purpose than such retraction, to have you lend the power and influence of your newspaper to show young men their duty in regard to the president, the nation and the navy.

Yours very truly,
J. H. BLACKURN,
Lieutenant commander, U. S. navy,
recruiting officer,
Portland, April 18.

NAVAL RECRUITING SHOWS DAILY GAIN

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Navy recruiting yesterday showed a net gain of 1322 men or an average daily gain for the week ending yesterday of 1324. With this addition the total combined strength was brought to 75,357. Secretary Daniels said there was no doubt that the full authorized number of 87,000 would be reached by May 1.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS SUSPENDED

The war department has issued orders suspending appointments to the officers' reserve corps until after the training camps have been in operation for three months.

The intention is to begin on May 5 to train all applicants who have complied with the regulations and have the proper qualifications to take the training of officers. From those who have trained and those already appointed, there will be selected 10,000 officers to command the first 500,000 men called into the field. These first 10,000 will receive still higher commissions as other troops are assembled.

Those who have been appointed already as officers of the reserve corps are admitted to the training camps upon presenting themselves to the proper officers in charge.

All Oregon applicants to the officers' reserve corps are to be trained at the Presidio, San Francisco. The training will last three months.

No More Examinations.

The western department at San Francisco has sent out an official notice to Captain Currier at Vancouver by wire, substantially as follows:

"Suspend examination of applicants for appointment to reserve officers for infantry, coast artillery and field artillery. Training camp, May 8, at Presidio, San Francisco, for selection of reserve officers. Attendance limited to reserve officers of the line, and engineers, who have the privilege of attending for three months citizens over 20 years 9 months and under 44 years. These must have preferred qualifications outlined in paragraph 57 officers' reserve corps regulations.

"This call is for the first 10,000, which implies the first 10,000 ablest leaders, to be selected from the whole country, to officer the first half million troops, and many mature men because of need of officers who can be given higher grades when additional forces are organized.

Classes Are Named.

"Inform applicants who have already been examined and have qualified conditions are the same as those enumerated in letter in adjutant general's office under date of March 6. Draw attendance regularly from the

following classes: Members reserve officers' training corps, cadet students, graduates of military schools, other citizens preferably with military experience, qualifications referred to above. Applicants for commissions but not yet commissioned are to be informed that the war department must hold further applications until the close of the training camp and they will be admitted to such training camp without further formalities if they state such desire by indorsement on letter of notification, which will be forwarded them by these headquarters.

"Inform all commissioned members of the officers' reserve corps desiring to attend these camps to apply direct to officer in charge of officers' reserve corps at these headquarters. As soon as this order is received proceed with supply blanks mailed you April 19. Notify applicants with least publicity possible."

Captain Currier at Vancouver says at least 2000 men have made inquiries or applied for appointment in the officers' reserve in Portland and Vancouver.

MARREID MEN CAN REMAIN IN MILITIA

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Discharges from the National Guard will not be granted enlisted men solely because they are married, according to instructions sent out by the militia bureau. Where a soldier has sufficient means with which to prevent his family becoming a charge on the government he will not be mustered out.

The board has been flooded since the original order was issued with inquiries and protests from National Guardsmen, many of whom have been discharged under the dependent family rule and against their wishes, because they were married men.

A. F. & A. M.
Regular communication Friday, April 20th. Important business. By order of W. M.

DISTILLATE OIL SPRAY.
We have a car of Distillate Oil Spray on the road. All fruitgrowers who wish to use this spray should get their orders in at once.

ROGUE RIVER CO-OPERATIVE FRUIT GROWERS ASS'N.
26* J. W. Perry, Manager.

PLAN RAILROAD FOR SCOTT VALLEY SISKIYOU COUNTY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Construction of a new railroad line sixty miles in length, to open a fertile valley and a big mining region near the Oregon boundary, is practically assured. Scott valley, Siskiyou county, is to be opened up.

The landowners in the district through which the railroad is to be built are asked to guarantee that the interest on \$1,000,000 bonds will be paid for ten years. The tax on the land will amount to practically 50 cents an acre a year.

Eastern money, obtained from connections of the Western Mortgage & Guarantee company, will build the road.

Sugar Men Co-operate.

Operating in conjunction with the company is a group of Mormon capitalists who own the new beet sugar factory at Grants Pass. If the land owners of Scott valley will guarantee to plant 5000 acres of beets for five years, the Mormon capitalists will build a beet sugar factory there.

As projected, the new road is to start from Grenada, a station on the Southern Pacific in Siskiyou county, between Sisson and Montague, where the Yreka railroad branches to Yreka. Westward from Grenada, the survey crosses the divide to Moffet creek and goes down that valley to Fort Jones. A line runs thence to Aetna Mills and another line down Scott creek to Scotts Bar, on the Klamath river.

Landowners to Pay.

R. N. Burgess, who has been handling the proposition for the eastern men who have agreed to finance the road, says:

"As railroad men know, the chief difficulties with a new railroad is to pay the interest on the bonds for the first ten years. It is being asked that the people of Scott valley and landowners guarantee this interest for ten years.

"I should say that the first class agricultural land to be opened by the road amounts to about 120,000 acres, maybe 100,000 acres. There are some timber resources, and the road will reach a very fine mining district. The proposition is entirely

for the people to decide. If the interest on the bonds is guaranteed, then they will get their railroad." The guarantee of the sugar element

comes from Alexander Nibley, who is connected with the factory at Medford. He says: "Any community having satisfac-

tory transportation which will furnish 5000 acres of acceptable beet land under five-year contracts, can have a sugar factory."

Delicious Sally Lunn's in fifteen minutes!



(Report No. 5) By the man who timed them

One Friday last Winter, I purposely went home early. I found my wife at the piano.

She asked me if I still wanted the Sally Lunn's that night.

"Yes," I answered. I had gone home especially to get posted on Cottolene.

"All right," she said. "Come along. Watch and you may learn how to do it yourself."

My thoughts ran ahead. *Would* the crust be crisp? That's the real test of Sally Lunn's with me.

Of course I don't remember all my wife did. But I do know that she used one-third less Cottolene than we usually use of butter.

She was pleased to see how easily the Cottolene mixed with the flour. I fidgeted and waited.

She took them out of the oven in fifteen minutes. I had been timing Cottolene.

The Sally Lunn's were absolutely light and delicious.

I wish you had seen their tempting golden color! And crisp doesn't begin to describe the crust. It's something you would have to taste to really understand.

If you have never tasted Sally Lunn muffins made with wholesome Cottolene, take my advice—do.

From H. T. H.

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At grocers in tins of convenient sizes

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Everything is jumping sky-high. **EAT MORE VEGETABLES.**

WE WILL HAVE FOR SATURDAY: Peas, Celery, Cauliflower, Spinach, Head Lettuce, Asparagus, Rhubarb, Onions—in fact, everything good, and our prices on vegetables will not scare you to death, either.

PLANT ALL THE GARDEN YOU POSSIBLY CAN—We have an extra supply of First Class Garden Seeds, most any old thing you want. Remember, Jones started the ball rolling in Medford, and others have been TRYING to kick it ever since.

Jones' Cash Grocery

First Store East of Park.

Two Phones: 234 and 235

Black Squegee Tread Red Side Walls

"Talking about Non-Skid Tires"

It seems to us that some tire manufacturers just cut out the raised tread pattern on their tires with a jig-saw at random; while others figure out the tread formation as common sense directs.

The Diamond "Squegee Tread" is surely a "reason why" tread. Look at the cross bars. When the weight of the car rests on them, they just naturally get a TOE HOLD on the pavement and stop forward slide.

Then look at the longitudinal bars. They are continually in contact with the pavement and not only stop side skid ALL THE TIME but roll along as smoothly as a plain tread tire.

So if you want a real non-skid tire, we'll sell you a Diamond at its "Fair-List" Price.

Garnett-Carey Hardware Co.
Medford, Oregon

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Every Diamond Tire must deliver full value in service. If ever a Diamond Tire fails, a cheerful, willing adjustment will be promptly made.

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Diamond TIRES

If it's good enough for Ford, isn't it good enough for you?

Proper lubrication eliminates 75 per cent of motor car troubles. The Ford Motor Company realizing this, after rigorous experiment and road tests, adopted White Star Extra Quality Motor Oil, for exclusive use, in the Ford factories and branches. There are 1,250,000 Ford cars in use. You'll appreciate how good White Star Extra Quality Oil had to be to warrant the following letter from the Ford Motor Company:

"After careful experiments and tests, we have adopted White Star Extra Quality Motor Oil here at the factory and for use and sale at our branch houses, as best adapted for Ford cars.

(Signed) FORD MOTOR CO."

White Star Extra Quality Motor Oil gives a velvety action to your Ford that you never knew before. It contains no free carbon to "coke" the cylinders or foul the spark plugs. It gives perfect compression, because it has the body to seal the clearance between piston and cylinder wall. Sold in standard sizes—also in the popular six-gallon retainer by

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