

## MORE LOBBYISTS THAN SOLONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Capital Glad-Handers Represent Many Organizations To Nation's Lawmakers

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Washington, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Before I get around to Cal Johnson of Belleville, Ill., I must report that this town is full of lobbyists of all shapes, but mostly portly.

There are more of these lads buttonholing congressmen than there are congressmen. This results, obviously, in serious wear-and-tear on buttonholes.

### Glad-Handers Rampant

The association of peanut butter grinders is represented here. So are the lead pencil makers, the soda pop bottlers, the sugar cane choppers, the flour mix manufacturers, the broccoli dealers, the fibre box builders, the artificial leg whittlers, the apple dryers, the ice cream freezers, the stone crushers, the jelly preservers, the wire cloth weavers, and the narcotics researchers.

This is only the beginning. The movies, the postal clerks, and scores of other organizations have their capital glad-handers. Dozens of ex-congressmen practice law before the federal courts.

So much for an introduction to our friend from Belleville, Calvin D. Johnson, who used to be, until last month, a congressman himself. He lost out by 2000 votes to Melvin Price, a Democrat, and you know what happened?

### Sans Portfolio

Some of the Republicans from his district sent Johnson back here as a congressman-without-a-portfolio and set him up in business to represent them in their multitudinous dealings with the government. The district produces coal, kitchen stoves, furnaces, iron castings, butter churns, apples and other items too numerous for Johnson to mention. His employers consist of a dozen of the leading manufacturers.

"The original idea was to get 25,000 people to put up \$1 each to send me back to Washington," Johnson reported. "But I vetoed that. I didn't think it looked right. So now I am representing these businessmen, doing for them about what I used to do when I was a congressman."

He said he was no lobbyist. He'll leave the lawmaking to Rep. Price (who was, unfortunately, out of town and unavailable for comment) and stick to dealings with the alphabetical agencies.

"The idea is that whenever one of these concerns wants to do anything, it has got to get in touch with Washington," he said. "It used to be they'd have to send a man to Washington. Now a man on a railroad train is no good to anybody. With me here, all of these people are just as close to Washington as the nearest telephone. I handle their priorities, their travel, their freight, that kind of thing. It is a new idea, but I see no reason why it shouldn't work out."

### Lt. Robert Brown Given Air Medal At Base in Italy

15th AAF in Italy.—2nd Lt. Robert G. Brown, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, 820½ West Tenth street, Medford, Ore., has been awarded the air medal at his base, somewhere in Italy, for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy."

Lt. Brown is a co-pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber and a member of a veteran heavy bombardment group of the 15th air force which has flown more than 140 bombing missions against the Germans in southern Europe.

He has been in the army since November 6, 1942, when he enlisted at Portland and is a graduate of the Turner Field, Ga.,

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## CAPT. 'SCHRECK' IS BUSIEST MAN ON ALASKA POST

Whittier, Alaska.—When it comes to doubling in brass, Capt. Howard E. Schrecengost takes

top honors around this army post base.

The captain is a four letter man, serving as post S-2, post S-3, provost marshal and conservation officer.

Because of these latter duties, he is alternately known as "the sheriff" and "the game warden." Since the nearest incorporated city is 59 miles away, he comes rightly by these titles in this part of Alaska.

**Shortens Name**  
Capt. Schrecengost, in order to keep others from stumbling

over the pronunciation of his name and shorten telephone conversations, has become known as Capt. Schreck. The sign on his door, the nameplate on his desk, and the generally accepted manner of addressing him is Capt. Schreck.

The captain, whose home is Medford, Oregon, has another distinction around the post—he nearly always carries a cane. His duties take him outdoors most of the day, and the cane is a good appendage for battling the weather conditions. It helps

him lean into the frequent winds and is a good means of testing the depth of mud puddles formed by the constant rain.

With all these distinctions it is easy to understand the captain's popularity with all the personnel at the post. It is just as common to hear the captain addressed by "Hi, Sheriff" as by his military title.

The captain is a graduate of Medford senior high school and later attended the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland. He belonged to the Med-

ford National Guard unit and went into active service when the guard was mobilized in the fall of 1940. Mrs. Schrecengost resides at Route 2, Box 338A and the captain's mother, Mrs. J. E. Schrecengost, makes her

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# A report to the Women of America on our Wounded and the critical Need for more Wacs in Army Hospitals

The plain fact of the matter is—if something isn't done soon, and very soon, the wounded and hospitalized American soldier may not continue to get the care to which he is entitled.

The American casualty—the boy from Portland or Brooklyn or Windsor Locks or Council Bluffs—may not continue to get his bandages changed often enough. He may not be bathed or made comfortable early enough because there may not be enough people to help.

As a result, the recuperation and return to normal life of the boy from Portland or Windsor Locks may be needlessly delayed.

### These Are the Facts

In the two-and-a-half years from Pearl Harbor up to the Invasion of France—total American battle casualties were 224,693. From "D" Day until January 1, 1945, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported that in France, the Lowlands and the German border region, casualties in the ground forces, alone, of the United States Army totalled 332,912, of whom 232,672 were wounded. Overall American battle casualties as reported through January 7, 1945 were 662,399.

### These Are the Sobering Figures:

Wounded are being returned from overseas to Army General Hospitals in this country at the rate of 30,000 a month. Many of these men have been wounded two and three times. One Georgia Sergeant had been wounded SEVEN TIMES! There are thousands of husbands and brothers and sons recuperating in Army hospitals overseas regaining strength to return to duty or to come back to the States for further treatment. Are the women of America going to disappoint them?

At the moment, every Army nurse in the United States must handle twenty-six hospital beds—almost twice as many beds as any one person is efficiently able to handle.

The Army is doing everything in its power to obtain more nurses. At the same time, a vast effort must be made to stretch the professional efficiency of every single Army nurse on duty in the United States. This is why Wacs are needed—now—right here.

### The Imperative Need for Wacs in Army General Hospitals in This Country

More than 8,000 Wacs are needed immediately in United States Army Hospitals to help Army doctors and nurses in their tremendous task. Unless nurses are able to give full time to the professional nursing requirements of individual cases, wounded men will lack proper care. Unless more Wacs are found to take over non-professional duties, recuperation and rehabilitation of hospitalized soldiers will be retarded.

Approximately 3,500 Wacs are already at work in our Army General Hospitals today. Soon, another 1,000 Wacs now in training will go on duty.

But this is not nearly enough to fill the minimum needs of Army hospitals in the United States.

### The Work Wacs Do in Army Hospitals

There is a pressing backlog of requisitions, at the moment, for WAC Medical and Surgical Technicians. Any woman, aged 20 to 49, inclusive, may apply. Previous hospital training is not necessary. If you can qualify, the Army will train you.

WAC Medical Technicians under professional supervision of Army doctors and nurses aid in the care of wounded soldiers. They help with blood transfusions, serve as ward masters, deliver meals to wounded soldiers and feed the helpless ones, and keep those essential records which are important to their present progress and their post-war protection.

WAC Surgical Technicians under professional supervision specialize in the technique of assisting doctors and nurses don surgical gowns and gloves, attend to the care, repair and sterilization of operating instruments, and assist in the pre- and post-operative care of patients.

Wacs are also doing marvelous work as medical stenographers. An Army doctor using a Wac in this capacity can take care of many more patients, for he does not need to retape mental notes or take time to write up a case before seeing another.

### Wacs Will Be Recruited for Hospital Units

The Army's goal is a unit of 100 Wacs to every thousand beds in Army General Hospitals in this country.

Each unit will be made up of several platoons. Each platoon will number fifteen Wacs. Many women will want to interest their friends in making up platoons—doubtless many communities will set out to recruit a whole unit.

Although the primary need is for Medical and Surgical Technicians, any woman with clerical aptitude should also apply. For each WAC unit will need several women with clerical ability. General of the Army George C. Marshall, on January 7, wrote the Governor of each State as follows:

"The care of the increasing number of casualties arriving in the United States, together with an acute shortage in nurses and hospital personnel generally, necessitates urgent measures being taken to recruit and rapidly train women for service in Army hospitals. We urgently need Wacs for our sixty General Hospitals.

"Your leadership in recruiting women for such platoons will be a great service to the Army. These recruits will be trained for assignment to particular named Army General Hospitals, including those located in your State."

Previous Experience Is Not Necessary—The Army Trains You—Technician Fifth Grade Ratings at Successful Completion of Training

If you've had two years of high school—or the equivalent—go to your nearest United States Army Recruiting Station and apply for a WAC Hospital Unit.

If you meet enlistment requirements, you will be given six weeks of basic training before being sent to a recognized Army Medical Technician School. After six weeks of technical training, you will be assigned to an Army hospital, where you will have four weeks of additional on-the-job training.

Those who qualify will become Technicians Fifth Grade immediately on completion of their training.

Not only are these WAC hospital jobs of infinite importance in war time, but they can lead to a career . . .

Women trained in this kind of work will find medical, industrial and social fields for their skills in years to come. The experience gained from serving in Army Hospitals under wartime conditions is invaluable.

The Need Is Imperative—The Need Is Immediate!

Of all the needs in the country today this is among the most urgent.

Never in the world was a woman's war job more clearly defined, more obvious. Sacrifice? To be able to assist in comforting our wounded heroes . . . in easing their pain . . . in speeding their recovery?

No! It's an honor—a privilege—an experience—for a woman to cherish forever.

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