

### CANYON PASSAGE FILMING AWAITS STUDIO APPROVAL

Chamber of Commerce Directors Told Site Near Diamond Lake Chosen

Final approval for filming Ernest Haycox's latest Saturday Evening Post story, "Canyon Passage," in the Rogue River valley where most of the action takes place is now pending in the offices of Walter Wanger Pictures, Inc., Universal City, Calif., according to information disclosed at the Chamber of Commerce board of directors' luncheon meeting at the chamber offices Friday noon.

Three representatives of the picture company, Henry Spitz, F. O. Collings, and Frank Phillips, were here recently to survey the area, and chose a site near Diamond lake as the most suitable location. Producers plan to film the story in technicolor, on a scale comparable to Haycox's earlier stories, "Union Pacific" and "Stage Coach."

**Geographic Spurge Due**  
Photographers for the National Geographic magazine are expected to arrive in Southern Oregon about Aug. 15 or September 1 to obtain pictures for an Oregon issue of the magazine, which will be published soon, according to a report received by the chamber.

Other reports heard by the directors included that of City Superintendent Frank Rogers, who states that the air strip at the Medford fairgrounds is nearly completed, and will be ready for use about next Wednesday. Several applications for installation of a flying school and other facilities here have been received.

Relief for local sheepmen, unable to profitably sell soft lambs even under recent changes in OPA rulings, is being sought

through OPA and Agricultural Department channels, the chamber directors were informed. William Gates, author of telegrams concerning the requests, has received assurances from Representative Guy Cordon and Senator Wayne Morse in Washington, D. C., that they are also urging the modifications of point values on Oregon lambs.

**Students May Delay**  
A letter from Chancellor Frederick Hunter of the State Board of Higher Education indicates that students who delay entry at Oregon colleges and universities to work in fruit harvests this fall will be given opportunity to make up work missed without penalty of credits. This was in answer to a request from local fruitmen, supported by the chamber, that opening dates of the schools be delayed until crop harvests are completed.

In reporting for the transportation committee, H. S. Deuel stated that inter-state truck operators on the coast are seeking approval of an increase in freight rates to cover increased costs of operation and labor. The Roseburg chamber of commerce has endorsed the application, and Grants Pass' chamber is opposing it. Medford's policy will be determined by the chamber executive committee.

**In UAL Booklet**  
Information concerning recreational spots near Medford and a picture of Crater Lake have been sent to United Airlines, to be published in a booklet by that company, according to Moore Hamilton. The pamphlet will publicize vacation facilities near cities where United Airlines service is established.

Another booklet, publicizing the city of Medford, is being planned by the local chamber and it is expected that at least 100,000 copies will be printed. Various cities in Southern Oregon and Northern California are negotiating a plan to issue a pamphlet covering "Highway 99."

Mark Goldy stated that the national housing authority has indicated additional housing for naval personnel coming into Medford in connection with the station hospital at Camp White will be provided in facilities adequate for the need.

Capt. T. B. LaFavre, who ar-

rived here this week to assume command of the Camp White Station hospital, spoke briefly. More than 300 women, including 200 Waves and about 125 navy nurses, are expected to arrive at the hospital about Sept. 1, the captain said. Capt. LaFavre recently returned to this country after two and a half years in French Morocco.

Other guests at the luncheon were Commander Lewis Gunther and Ensign Forbes H. Smith, naval officers from the hospital, a delegation from Yreka including Mrs. Barbara Warner, manager of the Yreka chamber of commerce, Frank Staber, chamber president, and O. G. Steele, manager of the California-Oregon Power Co. in the northern California city, and Earl Day, former Medford resident and a member of the state tax commission.

Chamber officers state that Congressman Harris Ellsworth is expected to attend the next directors meeting.

### Withholding Tax Refunds Are Made

Washington, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—The Treasury has announced that 10,968,000 refund checks for over-payment of withholding taxes in 1944 were issued up to July 27. It said the remainder of a total of about 22,000,000 will be mailed by Sept. 15, one month ahead of schedule.

Checks issued thus far had a total value of \$481,890,000. They are being mailed at an average weekly rate of 1,600,000. The average check is for \$45.

### LAMB CROP REPORTED SMALLER THAN 1944

Washington, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—The agriculture department said today that the 1945 lamb crop of 28,250,000 head was 1,000,000 head or 3.5 per cent smaller than last year's crop.

The 1945 Oregon lamb crop was estimated at 789,000, compared with 896,000 for last year and an average of 1,292,000 head.

Hollywood, Aug. 4—(U.P.)—Fiske O'Hara, for 30 years a lyric tenor of stage, screen and radio, died yesterday at his home after an illness of a year. He was 67.

### U.S. BRASS HATS HOLD EUROPE IN TIGHT CENSORSHIP

By John McDermott  
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Wiesbaden, Aug. 3—(U.P.)—The United States group control council's public relations policy was regarded by American newsmen today as favoring censorship at the source and tending to imperil the freedom of the press.

It was learned today that USGCC Public Relations Chief Lt. Col. S. J. Duncan-Clark's office has been removing correspondent's filed dispatches from the censor's office for inspection.

**New Twist**  
The reason for this action was given as enabling the public relations officer to study news trends. Correspondents, however, pointed out that such a procedure of "studying news trends" by the public relations office was unheard of even during the height of the European war.

Newsmen already are virtually handcuffed by public relations directives which Duncan-Clark (who is from Chicago and formerly assistant chief censor at Shaeff) has refused to permit to be examined because they were classified as confidential. These directives discourage individual enterprise on the part of any correspondent in obtain-

ing exclusive interviews with department heads of the USGCC.

Press conferences inspired by an individual correspondent, but where all reporters are present, are beamed upon by Duncan-Clark. He also views the publishing of prepared handouts praising USGCC activities with extreme pleasure.

**Don't Like Facts**  
Fear that department heads may speak in actualities, rather than along the line of "desired policies" appeared to be the cause of at least part of USGCC's censorship at the source.

"We can't allow members of this staff to be quoted as making derogatory remarks," Duncan-Clark said.

A captain or a major usually accompany any correspondent who wishes to talk with a department head.

One correspondent asked Duncan-Clark if he could quote a department head as saying, "This is a helluva situation we are in."

Duncan-Clark said such a statement might be used without the quotation marks.

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