



GIVING PHOTOGRAPHERS A TREAT, these international beauties frolic on shore of Pacific Ocean at Long Beach, Cal., preparatory to competing for "Miss Universe" title at beauty pageant. From left: Gelengul Tayfargul, Miss Turkey; Claude Goddard, Miss France; Eva Roine, Miss Norway; Virginia Ann Johnson, Miss Indiana; Hanne Sorrenson, Miss Denmark; and Aileen Chase, Miss Great Britain. They didn't get swim suits wet, however.

Chamber Co-Sponsor Of 'Grass' Contest

The Jackson county chamber of commerce will co-sponsor the annual "Grass is Gold" program with the Jackson county stockmen's association this year, according to Don Lane, chamber of commerce secretary and manager.

The chamber's board of directors made the decision Friday during its regular meeting. The grass improvement program is sponsored to check the present decline in livestock numbers, to boost seed production enterprise and to help maintain soil fertility and erosion control. Farmers and ranchers throughout the Northwest compete for grassland awards.

San Francisco —(U.P.)— The M. H. DeYoung Museum took an inventory of its stock in the antique weapons exhibit and announced that 82 guns are missing. The museum said it listed 571 assorted guns in its collection, but only 489 could be found.

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Big 'Fire Department' Ready for Action in Forests of Oregon

Portland —(U.P.)— Oregon's largest "fire department" is ready for summer action—a 2,000-man forest fire suppression force organization along the lines of a military combat team.

It's an unusual fire fighting machine which takes to the state's 26,000,000 acre timber empire each summer to protect it from destructive fire. Since early this week, hundreds of high school and college youths, including a fair sprinkling of girls, have been moving out of cities and towns to the back country to take their places alongside veteran forest fire fighters.

407 Lookouts Required

The job of protecting Oregon's mighty green timber wealth from fire is a prodigious undertaking.

Some 407 lookouts, perched high atop that many mountain peaks and alerted from dawn to dark throughout the summer, are required just to detect smoke when it starts.

At 66 suppression camps scattered throughout all the forest counties on private, state and federal timber lands, hundreds of young, trained fire fighters will be ready all summer to pounce on any blaze that starts.

Each crew is headed by a veteran of many forest fires. And backing up this fighting force are some 65,000 loggers with all their equipment and "woods savvy."

Tied by Radio Network

Lookouts, suppression crews, headquarters, wardens in cars and in-pick-up are all tied together in an instant-contact radio-telephone network which includes 1740 send-and-receive radio sets in addition to land radio stations at Salem and Portland headquarters.

In this huge fire department are 215 tanker trucks, 245 portable pumps, 66 miles of water hose, enough small tools to equip 30,000 men. The U. S. Forest Service has six airplanes and 30 smoke jumpers ready, and the State Forestry department at Salem has one airplane and others available on a rental basis for search and observation.

The Forest Service also has

15,000 parachutes for cargo dropping to fire fighting crews.

Getting a summer-time combat crew together the size of an ordinary infantry division and training it in a few days to be able to handle any situation requires almost a miracle of efficiency. The work has gone forward this year under the direction of Dwight Phipps, acting state forester, and the U. S. regional forester's office.

The whole crew will be out from now until the fall rains begin.

Bar Association To Waive Charges

Salem —(U.P.)— The Oregon State Bar association has agreed to waive minimum fees in settling up guardianship for beneficiaries of the Oregon bonus to veterans of World War II, officials said Saturday.

The board of governors of the bar association recommended that attorneys consider each guardianship case upon its own merit and that where hardship is indicated, they recommended members of the bar handle the proceedings on a reduced fee basis or even waive the entire fee.

The Oregon Bonus act requires that a guardian be appointed where an incompetent veteran, or the surviving child of a deceased veteran, is entitled to a bonus payment of more than \$250. Where payment is \$250 or less and no guardianship exists, the payment will be made to the person who has assumed the major responsibility for the care of the minor or incompetent, as determined by the director of veterans' affairs and the department advisory committee.

Wall Street

Dow Jones weekly stock averages: 30 industrials 272.44, up 2.25; 20 railroads, 102.39, up 1.95; 15 utilities 49.69, up 0.08; 65 stocks 105.68, up 1.05.

Pickin' Pears News, Gossip, Comment From Camp White

John Peterson is going to be missed at Engineering. He is leaving Camp White next week. Peterson is a member employee whose services have been "beyond the line of duty." It is an understatement to say that in the three years he has worked with the department he has kept the machine running smoothly and efficiently in handling highly specialized details.

There will be someone to take his place but no one who will be able to do his work. He is not an engineer but a statistician by profession. Yet he has mastered a knowledge of technique and terminology in this time to obtain a degree.

He has just been notified that he has passed his civil service examination qualifying him as an administrative assistant. Domiciliary members and personnel alike are hoping that he gets his appointment.

Grace Stuh, chief nurse, is back on duty after leave and has started a flower bed at the nurses' quarters.

The corps of waitresses in the dining hall were looking their best Sunday afternoon when Photographer McNulty lined them up to have their pictures taken.

Henry Medley finally got away for his plane ride to Portland. It was his first experience in an airplane and although an old army man with two hitchhikes in the Philippines with the 15th Infantry and the 4th Field Artillery, he was a little jittery at the moment of departure.

Medley is going into the eye clinic at the Portland VA hospital for a delicate eye operation. He hopes to be back by the middle of July.

John Levine made a model ranch with houses and a corral all reproduced from photographs of century old construction and appearance. He exhibited it at the Hobby Fair and has now donated it to the museum in Jacksonville as an authentic reproduction in every detail.

Levine makes bird houses, in the hobby shop, which are bought by many visitors attracted by their novelty.

Mrs. James Cech, chapel organist, attended the national convention of Gold Star Mothers in Los Angeles and appeared on the Art Linkletter radio program while there. Mrs. Cech presents the flannelgraph Bible stories Sunday evenings at the recreation hall.

Ralph W. Cramp, who was assigned to radar in the Navy during World War II is a recent arrival at Camp White, from the VA hospital, Spokane, Wash. His home is Coeur d'Alene, Ida. He has hopes of developing a short story technique that will be acceptable to editors. He grew up in logging camps and may draw on this material for background.

John Berry, motion picture projectionist of the recreation staff, returned from his vacation a newlywed, having married Miss Audrey Shults, Medford schoolteacher. Their honeymoon was spent in Canada. They are making their home in Medford.

Mrs. Naumes, chairman of the Red Cross Gray Ladies, advises that a misunderstanding exists concerning the meeting place for the Rogue Valley tours which are provided each Tuesday morning throughout the summer. The assembly point, she says, is at the Red Cross headquarters next door to the coffee shop. This arrangement is made to avoid the mistake some of the men have encountered in going to the bus station and missing the tour.

With 29 ladies as a nucleus, the Veterans of World War I will apply for a charter to form an auxiliary at Camp White, James Almond, Post Commander assured the members at an open meeting Tuesday night. About 15 of the prospective auxiliary members were present to assist, along with a bevy of girl accordinists from the Prentice ensemble, giving their always enjoyable musical interlude.

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Gold Hill

Gold Hill — Mrs. Richard Abbott (Joanna Cogswell) left Gold Hill June 17 for Oceanside, Calif., to rejoin her husband, Private Abbott of the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Also making the trip were Mrs. Abbott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cogswell, Second avenue, and Mrs. Mabel Newnham, Gold Hill. Mrs. Newnham stopped at Encinitas for an extended visit with her brother. The Cogswells visited in Long Beach with Mr. Cogswell's mother, and with other relatives in Los Angeles and Downey. They also stopped in Santa Barbara to visit Mrs. Mary King and son, Paul, former Grants Pass residents. Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell arrived home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Miller of Sams Valley road had a visitor all last week Mrs. Gretchen Taylor from Oxnard, Calif. Also a guest at the Miller home was Mrs. James M. Neely of Grants Pass. The Millers took their guests to Crater Lake and other places of interest in the Rogue valley. They were entertained at dinner Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. J. C. Neely in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Ida Snyder is spending a week with Mrs. Katie Kellogg in Medford while Mrs. Kellogg's son is on his vacation. Mrs. Snyder was 92 years old May 24 and marked the occasion by attending a birthday dinner given in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Steinmetz on First avenue.

Mrs. M. L. Cooper of Weed, Calif., spent the week-end in Gold Hill with her daughter, Mrs. Milton Steinmetz, and family. Other visitors at the Steinmetz home were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hougham of Redding, Calif., Mrs. W. E. Lucas and children of McMinnville, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Hudson of Vallejo, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Unruh of Portland.

Johnny Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Andrews of Upper River road, returned home on the bus Tuesday evening after spending a week at Cottage Grove visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gilham and Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews.

Washington Attorney Seeks Governorship

Seattle —(U.P.)— Charles C. Palls, 48, Woodinville and Seattle attorney, announced Saturday his candidacy for governor on the Democratic ticket.

Palls, a World War II Marine Corps veteran, has been active in veteran legislation in the state and in Washington, D. C. He was national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1950-51.

53,500 Vets Have Received Bonuses

Salem —(U.P.)— The bonus division of the state Department of Veterans Affairs said Saturday that 53,500 bonus checks had gone into the mails by the end of the week.

This represents payments to 2,089 next of kin of deceased Oregon veterans and 51,411 to living ex-servicemen since June 18, the day the first bonus checks went into the mails. The current rate of payment is about 1700 a day.

Oregon voted a bonus to its veterans of World War II of \$10 a month for domestic service or \$15 a month for foreign service to a maximum in either case of \$600. The average payment is expected to be about \$415.

Hub Saalfeld, head of the bonus division, said veterans with bonus applications lower than 60,000 who will not have been paid by Monday can assume that their claims are in the pending file. There are about 3000 of these. The veterans were urged not to inquire presently about the status of their claims, as this merely slows down the work of the bonus division.

Bandon Fish Fry Plans Underway for Holiday

Bandon — Plans are now being made for the annual Fourth of July fish fry and community picnic here, according to local chamber of commerce officials. Fish will be served free from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Some 1,500 pounds of deep-sea fish fillet will be obtained for the event.

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