

Army Maps Program To Pacify People With Nikes as Neighbors

New State Senator Plans Investigation Of District Problem

State Sen. Philip Lowry, who leaves Saturday for the opening of the 1953 Oregon Legislature

Personnel Changes Announced by BLM Office in Medford

Several recent shifts in personnel assigned to the Medford forestry district of the Bureau of Land Management were announced today.

William R. Rouse, a forester with the Medford district for three years, has been promoted to unit forester and transferred to Coos Bay. He and his wife, son and daughter are moving from their Medford residence at 2444 Gary st. this week.

Howard J. Russell has resigned as forester in charge of the southwest unit to accept a position as forester with the Hunter and Best Lumber company. The Russells will continue to live in Medford.

Dennis Hess was promoted and transferred to the California state BLM office at Sacramento last November, and Hugh Judd was transferred to the Bureau's office at Ely, Nev., at approximately the same time. Alan B. Curtis accepted a U.S. Army commission and reported for duty last week.

Two additions to the Medford staff are Carroll Dubur and Wilson (Bill) Bjorge. Dubur was transferred from the Coos Bay office and promoted to assistant district forester. He is a forestry graduate of the University of Washington, served for 3½ years with the Army engineers during World War II, mostly in Alaska, and has been employed by the Bureau since 1946. He and his wife and one girl, age 18 months, are residing at 2104 Roberts road.

Bjorge will be transferred to Medford next week from the Bureau's office at Lakeview and promoted to the position of forester in charge of the northeast unit. Bjorge has a degree in forestry from Iowa State college, and had several years of experience with lumber concerns in the Lake states before starting to work for the BLM in 1948. He had a total of four years of service during both World War II and the Korean war. He was a major in the Air Force.

Monday said one of his primary interests at the session would be investigating the legal aspects of the proposed "Metropolitan district" for the coordination and consolidation on sewer and water problems in the valley.

Lowry, who begins his first term in Oregon's upper house, succeeding Sen. Ben Day who did not seek reelection, stated he hopes to get the answers early in the session, in time to introduce any legislation which appears necessary.

May Not Need Legislation
Solution of the problem, which involves the disposal of sewage and the obtaining of pure municipal water supplies for a semi-rural, semi-urban area between Ashland and the Rogue river, may be possible without legislation, he said, but he plans to investigate all aspects of the problem.

Senator Lowry has agreed to write a weekly report to the people of Jackson county, which will be published in The Mail Tribune.

"I'm no journalist," he said, "but when I was the duty of elected representatives to keep the people informed. I'll do my best."

Seeks Committee Jobs
The freshman senator said his requests to Senate President Elmo Smith, John Day, for committee assignments, included spots on the taxation, agriculture, judiciary, natural resources and labor and industries committees, and he added that he has reason to believe he may get one or more of the committee assignments he desires.

Some of the legislative problems in which Lowry is interested, and which he feels are of importance to the people in this area, include water resources, as described in a recent report by the state Water Resources committee; the ton-mile truck tax, which may come before the legislature for revision; highway construction matters, gas tax revision, and a tax proposal which would benefit lumber mill operators in the area. This proposal would call for use of an average cold deck inventory for tax purposes, rather than the inventory on hand Jan. 1 of each year.

BAKER MAYOR SELECTED
Baker — (U.P.)—The city council here has selected Fred Young an insurance man, as mayor to succeed James Hanley, retiring.

Public Relations Informs on How Missile Works

Editor's note: A new resident is moving into the suburbs of strategic American cities is the "Nike," a radio-controlled rocket missile that can pursue and destroy enemy bombers when they have escaped interception by fighter planes and are zooming in on a target. Many suburbanites do not like having a Nike for a neighbor. The following dispatch tells how in the New York area, which soon will fairly bristle with Nike launching bases, the Army is selling the public on the idea the Nike is no bother at all—in fact a welcome friend to have around.

By ROBERT ZIMMERMAN United Press Correspondent
New York—(U.P.)—The Army is moving into the New York suburbs with secret installations for launching deadly Nike missiles at enemy bombers. Along with each Nike base, which occupies about 25 acres, and has a permanent contingent of 100 officers and men, goes a careful public relations program to convince suburbanites that having a guided missile base next door is not so bad.

"We tell people as much as we can about what the Nike is and how it works," a First Army spokesman said. "Actually a Nike site is less dangerous than a filling station, where you have a lot of gasoline stored comparatively close to the surface of the ground."

Many Bases Planned
The Defense Department has never pinpointed the location of all its Nike sites nor told how many are planned. The New York metropolitan area is believed to be getting 40. Rumor has it there are 16 around Washington, D.C., and more under construction.

The same kind of protection is known to be planned for Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Seattle, Hartford, Conn., Providence, R.I., and Buffalo, N.Y.

Each Nike base is like the nest of a supersonic bird of prey. It involves an elaborate underground emplacement and a few buildings. The Nike streaks up to pluck a bomber out of the sky at 1500 miles per hour.

The secrecy label on location of the sites is more of a formality than anything. An espionage agent who watches the newspapers and takes a drive now and then through Long Island, New Jersey, Westchester and Rockland counties and Connecticut could keep track of where they are.

"Put it this way," an Army information officer said. "I can't tell you where all the sites are but if you were to ask me if there was one at such-and-such a place I would say yes. There would be no point in saying no because everyone around there knows about it."

Chambers of Commerce, property owners and other civic organizations have protested the choice of some Nike sites. The complaint is usually that property values will depreciate. Or perhaps the community wanted to use the land for some other project.

Army public relations men tell townspeople that having a Nike base nearby makes them less likely than ever to be sought out as a target by the enemy. A bomber would try to stay as far as possible from Nike's territory.

The Nike is a quiet neighbor, too. Soldiers drill with dummy missiles containing no explosive and no fuel. The real missile lies buried far underground. Some protesting women at Westport, Conn., admitted their chief concern was having idle soldiers around to distract their daughters.

The Army tries to compromise when defense needs conflict with local needs. At Fairfield, Conn., the Army latched onto a site which already had been designated for a junior league ballpark. City fathers agreed to take their ball games elsewhere, but later the Army picked a different location.

Air Defense Units Due Eastern Oregon
Walla Walla—(U.P.)—Two Air Force installations, designed to become unit units in the air defense network are slated for Eastern Oregon during the next fiscal year.

Air Force representatives and Army engineers also are conducting a survey on a third possible installation near Pendleton, Ore.

An estimated 200 persons will be employed at a two-phase installation to be constructed in the Baker area. A new filter center, similar to ones at Spokane and Portland, will be built near Bend.

The Walla Walla district of the Army engineers will handle the real estate phases of the projects.

Eight Adult Evening Classes Slated Here

Eight adult evening classes will be offered by the Medford public schools during the coming semester, it was announced today.

Registration will be conducted by telephone Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 10 and 11, and those interested are asked to telephone 2-9992 to register on either of the two days.

The classes are adult self-improvement courses, without school credit. They are open to anyone 18 years of age or older not regularly attending school. The final class scheduled, to be determined by the number of registrations, will be announced later.

Classes Listed
The classes are:
Radio workshop—This includes radio script writing, production, engineering orientation and announcing. Classes are held at radio station KMED, with staff members as instructors. There will be 10 weekly classes on Wednesdays, starting Jan. 19, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$2.50.

Parliamentary procedures—Study of basic authority, "Robert's Rules of Order," with practice and example. Instructor will be De Vere Taylor. Three classes will be given starting Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 26, high school building. Registration fee is \$1.

Clothing construction—For women who have done some sewing but wish to improve their skills. The project will be a cotton street dress. Class is limited to 14 persons. Sewing machines will be available. Ten weekly sessions set Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 18. Classes will be in Room 6 of the junior high school. Mrs. Dorothy Sneed will instruct. Fee is \$2.50.

Two Tailoring Classes
Tailoring—Two classes will be offered, for women with considerable experience who will make a lined garment. Class 1 will meet for 12 sessions Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 17 and 20, at the recreation room of the housing project on McAndrews rd. at Fridley st. Class 2 will meet Mondays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. in Room 6 of the high school. Mrs. Orma Farnham will instruct, and registration fee for each course is \$3.

Cake decorating—Two classes will be given. The course begins

with simple decorating and ends with more advanced designs. It is open to men as well as women. Class 1 will meet for 10 sessions on Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. starting Jan. 18 at the housing project site. Class 2 will meet Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. in Room 6 of the high school, starting Jan. 18. Mrs. Farnham will conduct both classes. Registration fee is \$2.50.

Drawing and sketching, basic and advanced—Pencil, charcoal and crayon drawing of still and life forms will be taught, including model and perspective studies. There will be 10 classes on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting Jan. 17. Steve Bayless will instruct. The fee will be \$3.

Watercolor painting workshop, basic and advanced—Given for personal and commercial instruction. Six classes are scheduled Tuesdays starting Jan. 18 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 5, high school, with Warren Wolf instructing. Fee is \$2.

Hooked and braided rug courses—These classes will start in March, with details to be announced late in February.

Promoter of Perpetual Calendar Works To Obtain Fair Consideration by U.N.

Honolulu—(U.P.)—A man who is stumping for a calendar plan of his own said today the world is in danger of getting a new type of calendar which would eliminate New Year's Day and have four Fridays the thirteenth.

Willard E. Edwards, a Hawaii engineer who has been working for adoption of his perpetual calendar for the past 14 years, said United Nations action on a reformed and improved calendar might be launched early in 1955.

Force for World Calendar
"And," Edwards said, "there's a million dollar outfit known as the World Calendar Association which is doing its best to keep its so-called world calendar constantly in the public and official eye to the exclusion of all other plans. All I want is equal consideration and comparison for my perpetual calendar, and I have written to Dr. Dag Hammarskjold, secretary-general of the U.N., asking for assurance that I will get fair treatment."

Both Edwards' calendar and that of his rival want to replace the present Gregorian system of keeping track of the days, months and years, a system

which some say has become unwieldy and impractical from modern living. Both new proposals are for an international fixed civil calendar of 12 months and equal quarters of 91 days each.

Faults Eliminated
The differences, according to Edwards, are in the extent to

which each proposal goes toward eliminating the alleged faults of the present system.

Edwards says his calendar will do everything that the world calendar would do and still keep New Year's Day as well as eliminate all "Black Fridays."

Under his perpetual calendar, Edwards said, Sunday always would be a day of rest. For instance, the first and the 15th of the month would always fall on a week day making it easy to meet those traditional pay-day and payment dates without calendar juggling.

Year-End Day
On the world calendar the 1st and 15th would fall on Sunday four times a year, and New Year's would be eliminated in favor of a Year-end Day which would come between a Saturday and a Sunday. Edwards' New Year Day would also be a day apart from the dates on the calendar, but it would come between a Sunday and Monday and actually would be the first day of the year.

Another feature of Edwards' plan is that his calendar breaks with tradition and makes Monday the first day of the week.

Vernon Thorpe Named Public Works Leader

Vernon Thorpe, director of public works in Medford, has been reappointed state chairman for Oregon in 1953 by the American Public Works association.

Thorpe was informed by telegram yesterday that Warren A. Coolidge, president of APWA, had made the appointment, which Thorpe accepted.

Thorpe will act as the association's representative in Oregon. The APWA includes officials in the whole field of public works. The organization is now in the midst of drawing up national standards to be used as public works references.

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Fire Control Man Named for Forest

Spencer T. Moore has been promoted to the position of fire control officer of the Rogue River National forest and will arrive at Medford in a few days, it was announced today by forest headquarters. He fills the vacancy created by the transfer earlier this winter of Verus W. Dahlin, who moved to Mapleton on the Siuslaw forest.

Moore has been district ranger of the Detroit ranger district, Willamette National forest since 1944. His experience there included fire control and timber management duties. The Detroit dam and reservoir, with their extreme fire hazard reduction projects, were built while he was in charge of the district.

Moore received his forestry training at Oregon State college. He started his forest service career in the mid-30's as junior forester on the Deschutes forest. Later he worked on the Fremont, Wenatchee, Siuslaw and Malheur forests before coming to Detroit. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters.

Realty Board Officers Installed at Meeting
Clark Walker was installed president of the Medford Realty board Tuesday evening during a dinner meeting at the Medford hotel. About 60 persons, board members and their wives and husbands attended.

Taking office as vice-president was W. T. Fasel. J. H. Webster is the new secretary-treasurer. Board members are Doug Pickell, Ivan Peoples, John Malone and Mary B. Mass.

A social hour opened the meeting and there was dancing after the business session.

Ragnor O. Johnson, Salem, real estate commissioner, was main speaker. Ray Schumacher was toastmaster.

Founder of Alsea Dies at Age of 87
Corvallis — (U.P.)—Funeral services will be held at Alsea today for Wade H. Malone, founder of the Benton county town. He died Monday at 87.

Malone, a native of Alabama, came to the Alsea valley in 1883, and later laid out part of his farm as the Alsea townsite. He was a Benton county judge for six years and a county commissioner for eight years.

Supermarket Robbed

Portland — (U.P.)—A bandit held up Fred Meyer's supermarket at 82nd and Foster road here last night and escaped with \$281 in currency.

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