

Medford National Guard Units Report on Summer Encampment

Summer encampment of the Oregon National Guard is two weeks of varied activities, and this year's encampment at Ft. Lewis, Wash., was reported as one of the most successful operations since reorganization of the Guard after World War II.

Some 72 enlisted men and 11 officers from the local Headquarters company, first battalion, 186th infantry, and members of Company A, 186th infantry, participated in reviews, inspections, advanced type training and special events which included division rifle shoots, regimental



American Brasher Doubloon Most Valuable Ever Coined

A doubloon, or doblon as it is often spelled, is generally a Spanish or South American Spanish gold coin that one usually thinks of whenever the name of Captain Kidd or some other great pirate is mentioned.

The dictionary describes it thus, giving its value at about \$16 and saying that coinage of them ceased in 1853.

The truth of the matter is, however, that one of the most valuable, if not the most valuable of all doubloons ever coined was American and produced right in New York.

It is known as Ephraim Brasher's doubloon, and it was turned out during that chaotic period after the American colonies had won their independence but before that they had merged their sovereignties as individual states in the Federal Union.

Brasher, a goldsmith, turned them out because Americans had to have some coins for settling large transactions. How many he made is not known, but if ever you come across one, here is a description of it.

On the obverse side is shown the sun rising over a mountain, below which is the sea. At the bottom of the coin is the word "BRASHER" and the date "1787".

What you will get will be well up in the four figure bracket and, depending on condition, maybe into the five.

GRAMP'S BIKE HAS MORE THAN SENTIMENTAL VALUE

"That doesn't go," said Al, getting out of the car and grabbing a dusty, cobwebby bicycle from the junkman who was about to toss it onto his truck along with some other odds and ends.

Al's wife, Jean, gave her husband an exasperated look but did not protest as he carried the old machine up the steps and into the front hall where he leaned it against a hattrack.

"Imagine giving this to the junkman," Al said. "Why, this is the identical bicycle that Great Uncle Egbert used when he beat all comers as the chief 'scorcher' of the Cohasset Cycle and Chowder Club back in '96. There he is right there."

It wasn't too difficult to see the bicycle was the same as the one in the picture Al was pointing at. Great Uncle Egbert was holding it carelessly in front of him. All you had to do was look at it, which wasn't as easy as it sounds because of the splendid picture that Great Uncle Egbert himself made. The old boy's arresting eyes beamed out from under a square set, beribboned boater and over a magnificent handle bar mustache. He was the archetype of late Victorian sporting splendor in a wide-striped

blazer and tight fitting ice-cream pants, whose knife-like crease one could make out despite the enormous leather carrying case that filled the bike's triangular frame.

"Why, the old boy paid one hundred and fifty dollars for his Rambler when he bought it—back in 1892, I think it was," and Al went on to tell me how his great uncle had pedaled all over much of the eastern United States, both on pleasure trips and in races.

"I rode it myself when I was a kid," Al said. "No brakes. You just put your foot against the front wheel to slow it down. No bell or horn. They considered that effete, as if they didn't have enough to contend with in the dirt roads."

As he finished talking, Jean came in. With the air of an indignant mother she asked her husband what he proposed doing with the relic she had dragged out of the attic.

"I'm not sure, honey," he said. "But it's really too good for the junkman. I just learned this morning that an old Rambler like this, one of the first put out, is worth a good bit more than when it was new. As a matter of fact, I could get a good two hundred dollars for it today."

Among other special events was a helicopter ride available to two men from each unit. Pfc. Robert J. Lyons and Pvt. Lyman L. Stubbs qualified for rides from Company A. They were selected on the basis of proficiency in training at camp.

Officers of Headquarters company hope to be at full strength of 81 enlisted men and 11 officers by Aug. 1, and should full strength be attained, the local unit will be a candidate for a superior rating on its annual armory inspection in November.

Personnel of Company A this week prepared the armory for continuation of training. Prospective enlistees have been encouraged to attend regular weekly drill period Tuesday nights, or contact personnel at the armory for information.

CALL FOR BIDS
Portland — (U.P.)—The Bureau of Public Roads has called for bids for the surfacing and oiling for 20 miles of the Cascade Lakes highway, beginning about 13 miles southwest of Bend and extending to Elk Lake. Most of the grading work had been completed earlier.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day.

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Edgar Bergen May Present Andersen Fairy Tales for Television From Europe

By JACK GRAVER
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New York — (U.P.)—Off-channel:

Edgar Bergen in a quick, sotto voce trip to town at mid-week for conferences about his TV and radio plans for the coming season. Nothing final yet with his agency and CBS, but there is talk of something involving the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales — a program to be put on film in the natural European backgrounds — that would be done on a scale designed to try and take the curse of ABC's "Disneyland" dominance on Wednesday nights.

There's a bit of a conflict though. How to arrange for Bergen to do the new radio series planned for him if he has to be abroad most of the time doing the TV series? One thing is certain — this is the season in which Bergen will make his first big bid as a regular performer on TV, with or without the dummies.

A year ago there was more anticipatory talk about color TV — largely because of the then-recent FCC go-ahead on color — than there is today. Yet nothing happened beyond CBS and NBC stepping up their compatible colorcast schedules which scarcely anyone saw except in black and white. Now, when there is little public comment about color, we're on the threshold of a season that will really get the view-with-a-hue started on the way to its inevitably important place in the living room.

The price of color sets still well above the desired \$500 mark, and certain technical impracticalities will continue to bar a wholesale changeover from black and white in the next 12 months, but the cost is gradually being whittled down and the networks will at least double their showmanship pressure in color. Come Christmas, 1956, correct, and Santa Claus probably will wish the rainbow had never been invented.

The CBS presentation last week of the recent Broadway at-

Adler and Ross Top Song Writing Team on Broadway, Stick With Tiny Old Office

By ROBERT ZIMMERMAN
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New York — (U.P.)—Dick Adler and Jerry Ross, the hottest songwriting team on Broadway right now, have money rolling in from two hit musicals and a batch of best-selling records. But they have come to a decision. They aren't moving out of "the office."

The office is a \$60 a month cubicle at the rear of a narrow four-story building on Manhattan's 101st street and contains a spinet piano, a soft, three straight-backed chairs and a phonograph.

Perfect Atmosphere
During working hours, 10 to 6, it also contains Adler & Ross, who find the atmosphere just perfect for songwriting.

Out of the office came the words and music for the current hit musicals "Pajama Game" and "Damn Yankees," including four of the top song hits of the past months—"Hey There," "Hernando's Hideaway," "Heart," and "Whatever Lola Wants."

The score of "Damn Yankees" alone produced material for more than 50 single records now on the market.

"We're getting a little crowded," Adler apologized when a reporter and a lady from RCA Victor dropped by the other day. Ross, fortunately, was out. That left room for their secretary, a pretty blonde who had set up a portable typewriter on the phonograph lid and was doing her best with some correspondence.

"I think what we'll do is rent another office somewhere and use it for business. But we'll keep this place to work in. It has the kind of atmosphere we need — sort of a pressure to get work done, and no distraction."

The windows look out on a blank brick wall, an alley and some trash cans.

Adler confided that he and Ross are kind of at loose ends as far as doing a new show is concerned. They are busy getting ready to launch their own music publishing company, and Adler is going to Europe for a couple of months to soak up some atmosphere.

Adler & Ross are the newest and possibly the youngest song-

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE-NINE

Girls Community Club Reveals Building Plan

Mrs. Dolph Phipps, president of the board of directors of the Girls Community club of Medford, has announced that plans are being made to build a new building for the club, on a larger site.

In a statement, Mrs. Phipps gave details and background of the plans of the organization, which is unique in furnishing a double service, that of a home for young working girls, and a meeting place for community groups.

Mrs. Phipps' statement follows:

Decide on Plan
The board of directors of the Girls Community club wish to announce to the public that after many months of studying community needs for a civic center building, they have decided to withdraw their original plan for building on their own property, in favor of a larger site. They feel that the cost of a community club house that would adequately serve this area necessitates long range planning and must include off street parking.

In the interests of growth and progress for the future development of Medford, the board has agreed to sell the present property and invest all money received in a more extensive location. As the board hopes to continue the program of providing a supervised residential home for teen-age employed girls, such a location must be in the downtown area, accessible day and night. A two story building would take care of this project.

Ask Combined Efforts
The board believes that the planning, building and financing of such a community center can only be accomplished by the combined efforts of all organizations, service clubs, city interests and public spirited citizens. The Girls Community club was organized from the combined assets of the Medford YWCA and

the Greater Medford club. The latter organization was a women's "booster" club that backed the programs of the Chamber of Commerce in the early '20s and played a prominent part in securing the present airport site for the city of Medford.

Now again we are faced with the need for a larger organization to handle the growing population of the community. The board of directors of the Girls Community club will gladly donate their assets towards such a progressive step. They have provided a civic recreation center for over 20 years without any paid executive staff. The records show an attendance figure of over 10,000 persons each year for the past 10 years. Last year 328 scheduled meetings were held by over 40 different civic groups. Many other requests for the use of the club room could not be granted because of the limited facilities.

Available to All
It has been the policy of the board to make this recreation room available to everyone. This was accomplished by keeping rental costs at a minimum. They have felt that a community center is a wholesome and Christian influence and should be without discrimination. Supplementary funds were received from the Medford Community Chest for 20 years.

The board is justly proud of their record of providing a residential home for more than 500 girls, without a single case of delinquency, during this 20 year period. They would like the privilege of continuing to operate this program and leave the management of the civic center to a new board.

Assistance Asked
A letter has been sent to the Medford Realty Board and to the Chamber of Commerce, asking their assistance in selling the present property owned by the club at 229 North Bartlett street.

The Girls Community club's board of directors urgently requests that the general public, and especially organizations and service clubs, give serious consideration to this essential program. It is their hope that some civic-minded group will assume the responsibility of uniting common interests and resources and make possible an adequate recreational building for Medford and the surrounding communities.

Mrs. Dolph Phipps, President Board of Directors, Girls Community Club.

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