

Installations in Old Camp White Area Play Important Part in National Guard Program

When the Oregon National Guard reorganized following World War II, the state military department utilized about 470 acres of land and 41 buildings formerly part of Camp White.

The National Guard depot, located seven miles northwest of Medford on Table Rock rd., is a service and concentration center for equipment assigned to units from Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Burns and Lakeview.

Centers Established
Some 44 acres at the Table Rock rd. site were taken over by the guard August 23, 1946, but it was not until last year that the service and concentration centers were established. The Guard also took over and maintains a 420-acre rifle range on Antelope rd. about two miles east of Crater Lake highway.

Of 21 buildings at the Table Rock rd. site, 10 of them are used for storage of trucks, anti-aircraft guns, dump trucks, and various size trailers, in addition to salvage material from other Camp White buildings which were torn down when the military camp was disbanded. Federal property assigned to Guard units includes equipment which cannot be stored at armory locations because of limited space.

The service center was organized to serve and maintain trucks, and other equipment of Guard units. Trucks and jeeps used regularly by Guard units in Southern Oregon are brought to the depot here for service and maintenance by Sfc. Charles D. Herman, senior service center mechanic. Herman, who also gives vehicles used daily by units a 6,000-mile check, is a member of the Ashland unit.

Storage for Vehicles
The concentration center serves as a point for storage of army vehicles, anti-aircraft artillery and other equipment assigned National Guard units. The equipment is used only during annual field training periods during summer months. Sgt. Virgil D. Cool is the concentration mechanic who once a month starts each vehicle and, keeps each vehicle prepared to be moved on call at all times. Cool also gives each truck, jeep and other vehicles a 6,000-mile check.

Anti-aircraft artillery stored at the depot is mechanically maintained by Sgt. Dick Worthen. Both Worthen and Cool also are members of the Ashland National Guard unit.

All equipment, including a bulldozer and dump truck for depot maintenance and an army wrecker, is ready to move when emergency arises.

Besides Herman, Cool and Worthen, all of whom were transferred to the Ashland unit from the 3670th Ordnance company at Camp Withycomb, Ore., recently, two full-time employees maintain buildings and grounds, both at the Table Rock rd. site and the rifle range.

They are Sfc. Loyal Goodnough and M/Sgt. Jack Burns. Goodnough is a member of headquarters company, first battalion, 186th infantry, and Burns is with company A, 186th infantry, both of Medford.

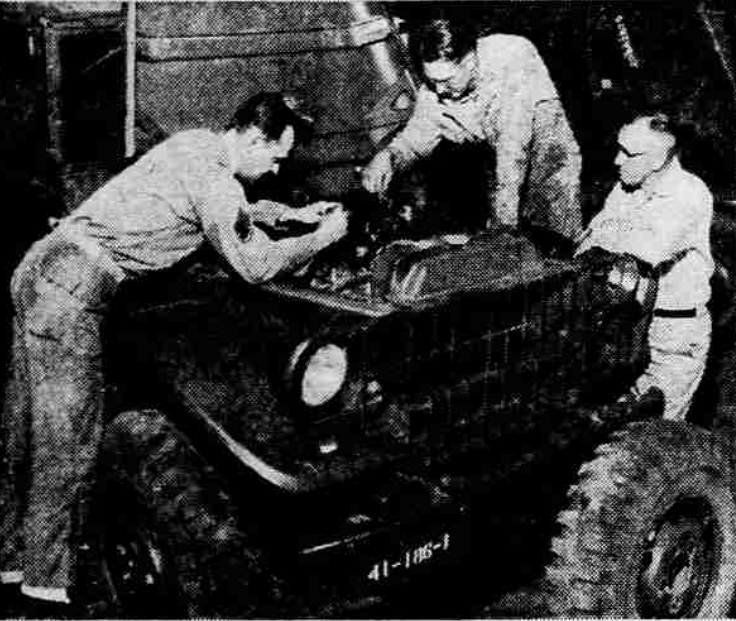
In Charge of Areas
Charles J. Myers, 640 Oakdale dr., Medford, is depot superintendent in charge of the Camp White areas. Myers was appointed superintendent when buildings were taken over for National Guard purposes in 1946.

In addition to storage facilities, one building has been converted into a six point indoor small bore rifle range, and other buildings house carpentry and plumbing shops. The depot also maintains its own fire department.

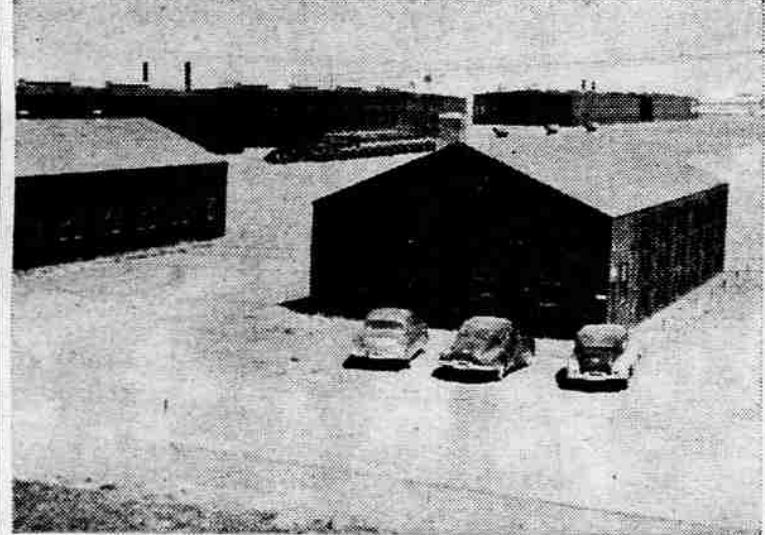
Recently, the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district



STORAGE FACILITIES—Concentration center mechanic Virgil Cool, left and ground maintenance men, Loyal Goodnough and Jack Burns look over equipment stored at the National Guard depot seven miles northwest of Medford on Table Rock rd. Cool services vehicles assigned to Southern Oregon Guard units and keeps them ready to be moved upon



SERVICE DEPARTMENT—National Guard Depot Superintendent Charles J. Myers, right, looks on as two mechanics repair truck in the service center. Richard H. Warthen, left, is anti-aircraft mechanic at the depot, but his work extends to other equipment as well. Charles D. Herman, center, is chief service center mechanic and services trucks and jeeps used regularly by Southern Oregon National Guard units.—(Brainerd photo)



NATIONAL GUARD STORAGE—Vehicles assigned to National Guard units at Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Burns and Lakeview are stored in buildings shown above which were constructed in 1942, when Camp White was activated. Larger buildings house anti-aircraft artillery, trucks and other equipment, and smaller structures have been converted into various shops for servicing equipment.—(Brainerd photo)

was authorized to use one building as a shop and a grease rack for maintenance of the department's fire equipment. In return for use of Camp White facilities, the department will provide additional fire protection for the National Guard depot.

Use Rifle Range
The rifle range is used throughout summer months by Guard units from Medford, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Ashland, Yreka and Shasta, Calif., as well as by various reserve units, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, veterans organizations and police departments in Southern Oregon. Recently 90 men from the 184th infantry division of the California National Guard camped overnight at the range for target practice.

Myers said any group of 12 or more people may apply for use of the range, which is maintained by the National Guard. Both the range and depot were acquired when Camp White was abandoned following World War II. Camp White, capable of accommodating more than 50,000 troops, was named for the late Major General George A. White, adjutant gen-

eral of Oregon, and was one of the largest military training camps activated during World War II. The camp was constructed in 1942.

Oswego Man Claims Wrongful Jailing

Portland—(U.P.)—Jack Hurd of Oswego Friday charged that he was wrongfully jailed because he asked a Portland municipal judge if he could appeal a \$9 traffic fine.

Hurd claimed he was held in the "drunk tank" for two hours and permission to put up bond was delayed. He had pleaded innocent to a charge of passing through a red light Thursday in the court of Municipal Judge Philip M. Bagley.

The Oswego man claimed that when he asked the judge if he could appeal the \$9 fine, the judge sentenced him to 24 hours in jail.

Judge Bagley, however, Saturday said he told Hurd appeals could not be rendered in cases where the fine was less than \$20. He said he levied the heavier penalty to allow Hurd to appeal.

Area Bank Debits Up 19.5 Per Cent

Eugene—Bank debits in southern Oregon for July showed a gain of 19.5 per cent over July a year ago. A rise of 20.9 per cent for July over June was also reported.

The debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. The figures are collected monthly from 149 Oregon banks and branches by the University of Oregon bureau of business research.

Totals for the state show an increase of 11.2 per cent for July, 1955 over the same month, 1954.

Bank debits are regarded as good indicators of current business activity, according to the bureau.

Farming Said Most Hazardous Occupation

Portland—(U.P.)—An American Medical association official Friday characterized farming as the most hazardous occupation in the United States.

Aubrey Gates, field director for the AMA council on world health, said farming had surpassed mining to become the most dangerous occupation.

Gates said that while the number of doctors is keeping pace with the general population growth, few desire to establish rural practices. He said doctors were urgently needed in rural communities.

Gates was in Portland to meet with the Oregon Rural Health council to discuss the National Conference on Rural Health convention scheduled to be held here next March.

Injured Released From Hospital

Two young Gold Hill men injured in a motorcycle pick-up truck collision Friday afternoon were discharged yesterday after being treated in Medford hospitals.

Thomas West, 21, and Louis Nichols, 15 were riding a motorcycle at Seven Oaks north of Central Point when the accident occurred.

State police said the cycle was having throttle trouble and the two young men had stopped at the end of a traffic island on old highway 99 at a clover leaf junction. The clutch slipped into gear and the motorcycle shot out in front of a pick-up operated by William Victor Kidson, 26, of route 2, box 705, Central Point.

Kidson was unable to stop in time, and struck the cycle, throwing the two riders about 35 feet, officers said.

West was taken to Sacred Heart hospital and Nichols to Community by Medford Ambulance service vehicles.

Try this dressing for vegetable or potato salads. Beat the contents of a six-ounce glass of chive cheese until smooth, then blend in mayonnaise until the dressing is of the desired consistency.

County Red Cross Prepared To Provide Relief in Case Of Natural, War Disasters

A disaster as recognized by the American National Red Cross is a situation in which five or more families are deprived of the basic necessities of life.

The Jackson county chapter of Red Cross is prepared to meet either natural or war-caused disasters, and more than 300 volunteers are ready throughout the county to participate in a program which is being organized to provide clothing, food and lodging for as many as 33,000 additional people.

Enlarging Facilities
The disaster plan was organized two years ago, but presently additional work is being done to enlarge facilities because of Jackson county's participation in the national civil defense program. During war-caused disasters, Jackson county would primarily handle 33,000 evacuees from metropolitan Portland.

The county plan comprises many committees which are responsible to the disaster chairman, Seth Bullis, whose principal responsibility is direction and coordination of subcommittee activity and purchasing necessary supplies in the event of a natural disaster. Assisting Bullis are Mrs. Leonard Mayfield, Mrs. Edith Eden and Mrs. John Day as vice-chairmen, who would be delegated responsibilities comparable with Bullis'.

Natural disasters occur each year, usually during specific seasons such as tornadoes in the spring, floods from late winter rains and melting snow and hurricanes in late summer and early fall. Flash floods, forest fires, explosions, transportation wrecks, fires and similar catastrophes also are included in natural disasters.

When a natural disaster occurs locally, the chapter chairman, Eugene Thorndike, notifies local authorities that the Red Cross is assuming its responsibility for relief operations. The devastated area is quickly surveyed to determine the number of families affected, including persons killed and injured, homes destroyed and damaged, and special problems of relief, communication and transportation.

Disaster relief work includes the emergency period, when immediate needs for basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter and medical aid are given priority, and the family rehabilitation period, when rebuilding and repairing homes and providing household furnishings and other rehabilitation needs are provided.

A. D. (Del) Harvey is chairman of the survey committee, and once a survey is made, other subcommittees become activated under previously organized plans.

Chairmen Listed
Among those groups, and their chairmen, are the food committee under Col. Herman Meiring; lodging committee under Harry Watson; clothing committee under John Graff; transportation under H. H. (Hank) Pringle; communications under Kenneth MacDonald; and registration and information under Mrs. Frank Fairweather.

The food subcommittee is responsible for obtaining, preparing and serving food to disaster victims and workers, and for receiving and dispensing donated food.

Responsibilities of the clothing committee include receiving and sorting donated clothing and obtaining new clothing for disaster victims, especially during the emergency period.

Lodging facilities for victims, as well as obtaining necessary supplies, equipment and personnel to operate such centers would be arranged by the lodging committee.

The committee on registration and information is responsible for taking applications requesting assistance, granting emergency relief, referring victims to other agencies when necessary, answering inquiries of relatives and friends concerning welfare of victims, and keeping records of people who receive assistance. Responsibilities of the committee during war, are assumed by governmental welfare agencies, but are handled by Red Cross during natural disasters.

Liaison Office
Committees on transportation and communication act as a liaison office to obtain from governmental agencies necessary transportation and communication equipment under an agreement with the county civil defense director. Like registration and information committees, transportation and communication, as well as evacuation, medical aid, and rescue are assumed by governmental agencies during war-caused disasters.

Volunteer special service groups will have assignments in line with their training. Nurses aids and Gray Ladies will work with medical division and staff aids will assist in medical and registration departments.

Included in the Medford and vicinity district are the city of Medford, West Side, Lone Pine, Roxy Anne, Griffin Creek, Oak Grove and Howard.

The district chiefs have the same responsibilities for lodging, feeding and clothing in their district as county officers have. Since civil defense authorities have notified local officials that 33,000 people from metropolitan Portland would be evacuated into Jackson county in the event of a war-caused disaster, additional surveys of facilities are being conducted.

Churches, Granges, schools and other public buildings are important as lodging and feeding units during disasters. Volunteers who serve on lodging and feeding subcommittees are those who ordinarily use facilities in which refugees are lodged or fed. Managers of buildings designated as lodging units are in charge of preparations for receiving evacuees.

Each Grange in Jackson county has its lodging chairman and canteen chairman and assistant who are familiar with facilities and are experienced in preparing and serving food to large groups of people.

Additional surveys are being conducted of available buildings in Medford and vicinity for lodging and feeding evacuees. Assisting Watson on the lodging committee and Col. Meiring on the food committee are William Schei, Mrs. Wilson Waite, Col. Charles Stafford, John Bunker and John McDuffy.

Buildings Utilized
Buildings which have both sleeping and eating facilities are utilized wherever possible. The food chairman notifies the canteen chairman of the number which may be fed in designated buildings. Food, bedding and other supplies and equipment for disaster victims are furnished by governmental agencies during war-caused disasters.

Soon after the county disaster plan was organized, members of Roxy Anne Grange conducted a test to determine how efficient and quickly food could be prepared and served a group of 80 people. Those who participated in the test included Mrs. Orle Moore, chairman of the canteen committee, Mrs. Ivan Wolfe and Mrs. Kenneth Shaw, vice-chairmen, and Mrs. Al Sims, Mrs. J. G. Cameron, Mrs. Jack Burns and Mrs. Bruce Moffatt. Mrs. Moffatt has since moved to Prospect.

The Red Cross, because disasters are unpredictable, desires that one member of each family be trained in home nursing and emergency first aid to assist

where needed during disasters. Medford has been designated as one of three locations selected as emergency blood donor stations during war-caused disasters. The other two are Coos Bay and Klamath Falls. The three were selected because they are outside the "fall out" area of metropolitan Portland, the most logical Oregon target during enemy attack.

Local registered nurses will be trained by Red Cross instructors to assume work of blood-mobile teams from Portland, because regular blood-mobile teams will be expendable during war-caused disasters and remain in Portland. Nurses for this training will be selected by Dr. Edwin Durno, chairman of medical and nursing aid for Jackson County Red Cross.

Nyssa Orders New Water Restrictions
Nyssa—(U.P.)—A special session of the city council here Friday issued an order imposing further water restrictions for the next month with provision for \$300 fines and 100 days in jail for violators.

Mayor Paul House said that in view of the still critical water shortage which has sent pressures down to zero in some parts of the city, the order will go into effect Monday.

He said city police will patrol for violators. House said that the only way to describe the situation was "dangerous" because low water pressure would make it impossible to fight fires in many sections of the city.

Nyssa's new water system will not be ready for another month and water restrictions have been in force all summer. Shortages developed a year ago when gas from an underground storage tank seeped into one of the city's main wells, forcing the city to close it down.

PROMOTED
Portland—District Ranger H. Donald Miller of the Chesnimus district of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest at Enterprise has been promoted to take charge of wildlife management in the Southeastern region at Alanta, Ga., Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone announced Saturday.

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