

McLEOD Beavers Poach Timber

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McLeod—Beavers along Big Butte creek have been unusually busy this year, doing a lot of damage by gnawing down trees both large and small. Some of the larger trees they have felled are in the front yards of summer cabins in the area, and the damage is not likely to be discovered until the owners return next fishing season.

4,300 War Orphans Apply for Benefits In Education Plan

More than 4,300 young men and women have applied for War Orphans schooling benefits through October under a recently enacted federal law. S. T. Brannock, officer in charge, VA office, Sixth st. and Riverside ave., announced today.

Applications under the law are expected to reach a total near 15,000 by next summer, Brannock said.

In the four northwest states, the totals through November were Oregon, 77 applicants, 20 in training; Washington, 51 eligible applicants, 15 in training; Idaho, eight applicants, and Montana, 23 applicants, eight trainees. The balance of eligible applicants soon will be in training, Brannock said.

Schooling Available

War Orphans schooling is available to sons and daughters of war veterans who died of service-connected disabilities. Generally, students must be between 16 and 23 years of age. They may receive up to 36 months of education, during which time they will get VA allowances of up to \$110 a month.

Application for War Orphans schooling should be made at the nearest VA office or VA regional office, not at VA district office or VA headquarters in Washington, D.C., Brannock stressed. Before starting school, applicants must receive VA's vocational counseling to help them decide on an educational program.

Information and assistance on the War Orphans Education program may be obtained at any VA office, Brannock said.

Meanwhile, VA reported fall enrollments of veterans under the Korean GI bill show signs of setting a new record. On Nov. 1, with fall enrollment figures still incomplete, the total had passed 688,000, or 11 per cent more than the 615,000 veteran trainees reported a year ago. VA expects total fall enrollments to approach the three-quarter-million mark.

Albert Estes has returned to his home here after working during the summer in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding returned to their home, after spending Thanksgiving with relatives in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chamberlain are in Portland on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hubbel and daughter, Mrs. Frank Selto, and children, spent several days with relatives at Lodi, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume and twin daughters were dinner guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Carlton's sister, Mrs. Evelyn Stanley in Medford.

Museum of Science, Industry to Build

Portland—The state of Oregon soon will have a new and important resource in the museum of science and industry which has announced plans for expansion of its science center.

The museum in Portland has been inadequately housed for several years. It will start construction of a new building in February, according to Howard Vollum, president of the board. The building, for which much of the labor and almost all of the materials will be donated by labor and management groups, will feature collections of artifacts from all over Oregon and Washington.

Cost of the new building will be about \$500,000, but help given by the building and construction trades council of Portland, representing labor, and the Oregon Building Congress, representing management, will cut the cost in half. At present, the museum building fund drive has collected about \$138,000 in donations given by private individuals, and another \$10,000 to \$20,000 is expected in pledges and cash by the first of the year.

The building, which is expected to be completed late next fall, will be at the entrance to the new Portland zoo in Hoyt park.

The Oregon museum of science and industry sponsors the science fairs held annually throughout the state for grade and high school students and the Northwest Science exposition each spring at Oregon State college, Corvallis.

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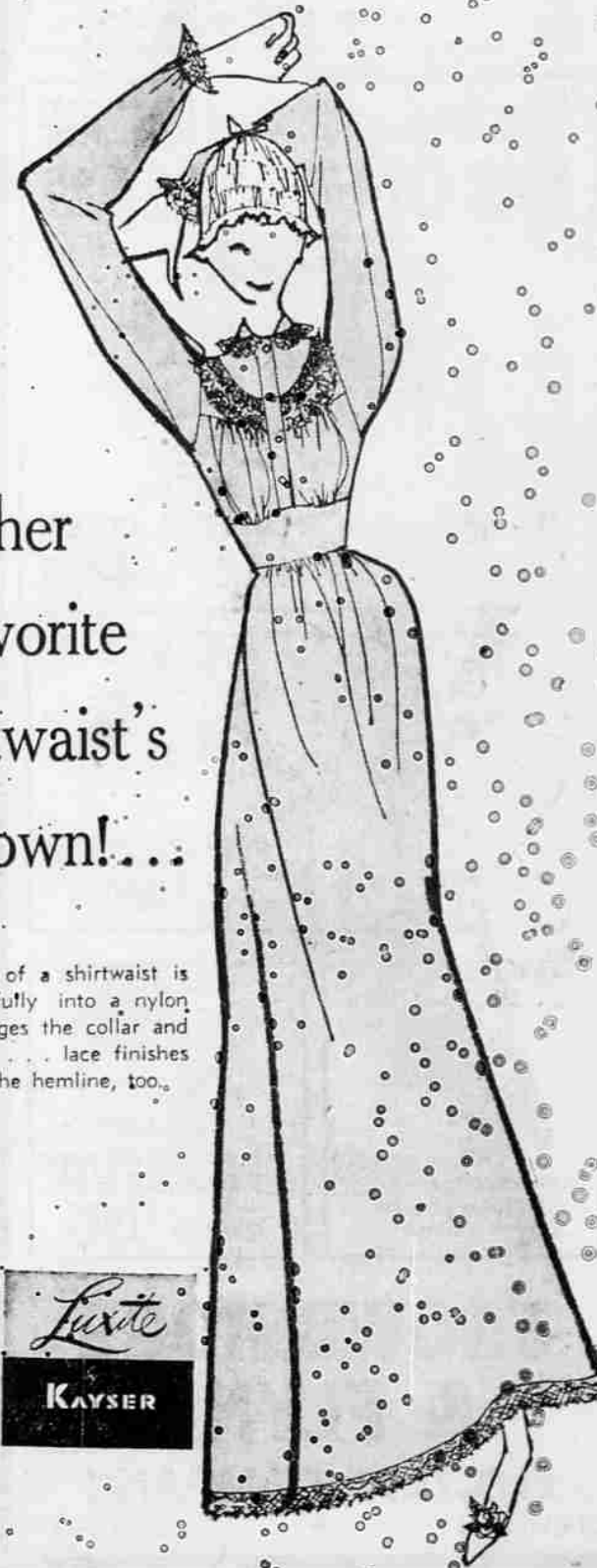
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