

Training Plan Will Be Tested Starting April 1 by Guard

Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard, has notified company commanders of local National Guard units that the U. S. department of defense and the department of the Army have revoked a regulation that would make six months active duty mandatory for new Guardsmen.

The regulation was to have gone into effect April 1 making active duty mandatory for those from 17 to 18½ enlisting after that date.

In place of the six months active duty program, Rilea said, the National Guard will test an 11-week training plan for those enlisting before Jan. 1, 1958.

Those between 17 and 18½ enlisting before that date who take the 11 weeks active duty course will be permitted to expend the remainder of their military obligation in the National Guard, the adjutant said.

Serve Three Years
Youths between 17 and 18½ voluntarily performing six months active duty will only be required to serve three years in active participation with the Guard, according to Rilea.

At the end of that period, he said, they may be transferred to the standby reserve for the remaining 4½ years of their total eight year military obligation.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1958, Rilea pointed out all men, between 17 and 18½ enlisting in the National Guard will be required to take six months active duty and the 11-week training course will be discontinued.

Men between 18½ and 23 enlisting in the National Guard will be required to take six months active duty to be followed by 5½ years of active participation in the National Guard.

Preparations for 4-H Follies Are Discussed

Preparations for the third annual 4-H Friendship Follies, to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the Medford High school auditorium, were discussed Wednesday night at a meeting of the Jackson County 4-H club council.

Approximately 15 clubs throughout the county will participate in the program. Proceeds will go to the International Farm Youth Exchange program. Variations and imitations of popular television programs will be among features of the program.

Neuberger Sees Need for Another Look at Timber Sales Policies Because of Reports

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Washington—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) believes the Senate Interior Committee should take another investigative look at timber sale policies of the Bureau of Land Management because the BLM recently "twisted" the contents of the



Graves report in an effort "to cover up revenue losses from O&C forests in Oregon."

Neuberger was referring to a press release issued by BLM last month at the time the forestry report prepared independently by Prof. Paul F. Graves was first made public. Graves' main recommendation in his report to BLM was that marketing areas be abolished.

BLM's press release on the report made no mention of Graves' recommendation but claimed that the report showed that BLM timber sales on O&C lands "averaged \$9 per thousand board feet more than prices paid for other federal timber" in the same area.

"The agency's self-serving interpretation of Graves' report was an erroneous and misleading statement designed to lull Oregonians into believing that all was well with management of O&C assets," declared Neuberger.

Comparisons Difficult
"Actually, Prof. Graves specifically noted that price comparisons between BLM and Forest Service sales 'are extremely difficult and have not been attempted by either federal agen-

cy because of extreme variability in such controlling factors as stumpage appraisal unit value factors, conversion ratios, timber accessibility and quality, species distribution and values, timber sale contract requirements, road development costs, methods of payment, timing of sales, and basic differences in scaled vs. lump sum sales methods used."

Worthy Passport Rejection Seen

Washington—(U.P.)—The State Department is expected to turn down the request of William Worthy, Baltimore newsman who travelled to Red China, for a renewal of his passport has been learned.

Informants also said the State Department already has turned down another application by Philip Potter, Far Eastern correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, for permission to travel to Red China.

Worthy, a reporter for the Baltimore Afro-American, was one of the three Americans who defied a State Department ban against going to Communist China. The others were Edmund Stevens and Phillip Harrington of Look magazine.

Upon his return from Red China Worthy refused to give up his passport as requested by the State Department. About 10 days ago he sent the passport to the department and formally applied for a renewal. The passport expired Monday.

Officially, the State Department says it has not made a final decision on Worthy's application. But moves being made definitely point to a rejection.

Fred A. Seaton to determine why BLM "twisted the objective report of an independent forestry consultant into an attack on other federal forest management agencies and attempted to cover up revenue losses from the O&C forests in Oregon."

"This is further evidence of the need for reviving committee hearings on federal timber sales policies," Neuberger said.

Nixon Arranges Visit With Dr. Schweitzer
Washington—(U.P.)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon has arranged a brief visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer at the Nobel peace prize winner's hospital in Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa.

Addition of the Schweitzer visit to his African schedule forced Nixon to cut his stop at Entebbe, Uganda, from 26 to five hours.

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower has endorsed the idea of modernizing the White House to provide badly needed additional office space.

Insurance Firm Joins Polio Vaccine Campaign

In cooperation with a program by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to have everyone under age 40 inoculated against polio, the Equitable Life Assurance Society of America has announced such a plan for its agents.

According to Jerry Gastineau, district agent for the company here, Equitable has expanded a group insurance program covering its managers and agents and their dependents to pay costs of receiving the vaccine.

The company announcement strongly urged those eligible to take advantage of the offer in an effort to eradicate polio.

Portland—(U.P.)—L. G. Nichols, 75, president of Multnomah College in Portland at the time that it was known as the Oregon Institute of Technology, has died in Cincinnati.

Conciliation Service Enters Plumber Tiff

Corvallis—(U.P.)—The Federal Conciliation Service has entered a dispute which has idled some 100 union plumbers in 27 shops in eight western Oregon towns since late last week.

E. L. Forsyth, a management spokesman, said today that the work stoppage still continued but declined to reveal the stage of negotiations. He said that it had been agreed by union and management that no more statements would be made by either side except through the federal conciliator.

When the dispute is settled, he said, it will be announced, probably in a joint statement by both sides.

Affected are union plumbers in Corvallis, Salem, McMinnville, Dallas, Albany, Lebanon, Newport and Toledo.

Museum Has 1,433 Visitors in Feb.

Jacksonville — Attendance at the Jacksonville museum during February totaled 1,433 visitors compared to 1,367 in February, 1956, according to the museum's monthly report.

Total attendance at the museum from July 10, 1950, to Feb. 28, 1957, is 240,713.

Guests from 24 states and Alaska and Canada visited the museum last month. Also attending the museum were groups of Cub Scouts and Bluebirds from Oak Grove and Medford, students from St. Mary's academy, 20 eighth grade students from Canyonville, 59 students from Pruitdale and a night history class from Medford.

Gifts received by the museum in February included a copper saw, donated by John R. Bickerback of Ashland, a Victor talking machine, donor unknown, was left on the museum's doorstep during the month.

Ben R. Bones, Grants Pass, presented a shirt worn by a Sioux Indian, Chief Spotted Tail. It is trimmed with beads, split porcupine quills and scalp. A bow, arrows in quiver, tobacco pouch are included, the report said. Bones also contributed a copy of Robert Burns, 1832.

A beaded buckskin hunting bag which was taken from an Indian at the battle of Pine Ridge Agency when "Sitting Bull," the Sioux chief was killed, has been presented by George Vincent, Grants Pass.

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