

### Vets May Have To Speed Studies

Some Korea veterans, in night school or in part-time training under the Korean GI bill, may have to start accelerating their courses if they want to finish by the termination date of their GI training benefits, S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, said today.

Under the law, a veteran's GI termination date is eight years from the date of his discharge. But in no event can he take GI training beyond Jan. 31, 1965.

Veterans may not be paid GI educational allowances after their termination dates have passed, Brannock said.

VA pointed out that a veteran discharged in 1952 faces a termination date next year. For a veteran discharged in 1953, his termination date would be in 1961.

VA suggests that veterans taking Korean GI bill training check their individual termination dates. If the date is hard upon them, Brannock said, they may want to consider accelerating their course by taking additional subjects or going to summer school.

Veterans working days and going to school at night part-time may be particularly hard put to finish their GI training before their deadline, since their training may extend over several years. They, in particular, should give thought to speeding up their courses in order to finish in time, Brannock advised.

### Coaxial Cable Being Relocated

Pacific Telephone's construction forces are currently engaged in the relocation of a large section of coaxial cable near the present Green Springs highway to Klamath Falls to make room for the enlargement of the Emigrant Springs reservoir, according to Manager J. H. Creager.

Work on the project consists of placing 7,486 feet of new cable and removing 6,511 feet of existing coaxial cable. Enlargement of the Emigrant Springs reservoir is part of the Talent project. The enlarged area would place Pacific Telephone's coaxial cable under several feet of water, and at one point plans call for construction which would sever the cable in its present location.

Earl Bowman has been supervising the work of telephone crews in the section. When the cable is ready to be spliced into position, E. C. Spence will assume responsibility for the operation, Creager said.

Telephone work is scheduled to be completely about July 1. Cost of the project is estimated at \$64,000, Creager said.

### Medford Man Sent To Post at Corvallis

Gerry Musson, transmissionman for Pacific Telephone from Medford, is now living in Corvallis as a result of the SAGE project, Manager J. H. Creager said today.

Musson's telephone assignment in the direction center at Camp Adair will involve preliminary testing and maintaining of communication facilities when the center is operation. He is now making inventories of the equipment which is being installed, and preparing lists of equipment to be ordered for reserve parts.

## Miss Janie Smith Retires as Administrative Officer With FS

Miss Janie V. Smith, administrative officer for the Rogue River National forest, retires today after 39 years in the forest service.

Miss Smith is the only woman in the United States to hold the position of administrative officer in a national forest office, according to Carroll Brown, supervisor of the Rogue River National forest.

Friends of Miss Smith will hold a picnic for her in Touville State park on June 6. Merlin Shipley has joined the Rogue River National forest office staff to replace Miss Smith.

**Gradual Changes**  
The forest service administrative officer with the quick, friendly smile has seen a number of gradual changes and growth in her particular section of the forest service.

Telephones and radios have taken the place of the mirror-like signals flashed by helicopter. Trucks and cars have replaced the number of horses and mules kept for transportation. College-trained men have replaced the majority of field-trained permanent staff members. Government timber sales have more than doubled since Miss Smith joined the office staff in 1920.

From 1920 to 1925 telephone lines were constructed between lookouts and ranger stations. Previously, men flashed signals with mirrors mounted on tripods. On Wagner Butte lookout dynamite shots were fired as signals for location of fires.

**Mechanized Equipment**  
The female administrative officer remembers when the only piece of mechanized equipment was an old Dodge truck. Rangers in the early 1920's raised hay at the outlying stations for their horses. They had to spend some of their own money before they could draw on government feed allocations, Miss Smith said.

In contrast, the Rogue River National forest now has 60 vehicles. When Miss Smith started work in what was then a small office in the Medford post office building, she and another girl did the clerical work for a supervisor, not college-trained, and an assistant supervisor or forest examiner who was technically trained.

A forest examiner was the only man on the staff required to be college-trained, Miss Smith explained. Then rangers and staff personnel took a practical test such as how to pack a horse and build a trail. Now the office staff consists of 11, including Miss Smith.

**CCC Organized**  
In the spring of 1933 the Civilian Conservation Corps was organized which boosted the ranks of the forest service. In Rogue River National forest alone seven CCC camps were established—at Moon Prairie, Wimer, Applegate, South Fork of Rogue River, Elk Creek, Union Creek, Evans Creek and Carberry.

Each camp had from six to eight forest service employees plus the Army personnel administrators of each camp. This made it necessary to enlarge the office staff here to keep up with the resulting paper work.

Miss Smith thinks the CCC should be reactivated since it did so much for conservation work. However, it resulted "in a lot of lost motion," she noted. The CCC constructed a number of roads and buildings. Pay for the CCC boys was \$30 a month and \$45 to the limited local experienced men hired as "straw-bosses."

**Many Changes Seen**  
The female administrative officer has seen big changes over the years in the size, number and the way fires are fought. In the 1920's and early 1930's much more acreage was burned, she noted. Many fires then were man-caused. Some were suspected of being started by men who wanted work on the fire lines during the jobless depression years.

Because of lack of roads and quick mobile transportation, fires in those early days could burn for several days before they could be reached. A postcard of the period shows a rickety old stake truck loaded with burros and men. "This is a speedy way to reach fires," the printing on it read.

During the early days, the comparatively few logging companies did not furnish trained personnel to combat fires. A general call went out for fire-fighters. Then, residents near the forest were recruited and as a last resort men were picked up at taverns and sometimes from Portland's skid row and brought down on trains. Pay was then 35 cents an hour for fire-fighters. Standard pay for all crews was \$75 a month plus board and room.

**Fire Protection**  
The forest fire protection force has increased since the 1920's. In the 1930's, during the days of the CCC's, there were even more than today. Lookouts in the early days were maintained on peaks of McLaughlin, Jefferson and Hood.

The forest service had its representative of what would now be called "the beat generation." This was a Frenchman who was lookout on Mt. McLoughlin. In typical "beat generation" style he wore a beard, beret and silk-like shorts. Photography apparently was a hobby of his since he took a number of beautiful pictures while a lookout, Miss Smith said.

"This man was no trouble to pack in supplies to since he was strictly a vegetarian—ate dried prunes, raisins, and hardtack, mainly," Miss Smith said. "One time when we had a large special dinner of roast beef at one of the ranger stations for the crews he did break down and eat just as much as the rest of us," Janie Smith chuckled. "Must have been real hungry." "All his letters and communications were in phonetic spelling which at first were hard to figure out. This unique lookout also kept a diary. He wouldn't hurt a fly not even a mosquito."



MISS JANIE SMITH Retires from Forest Service

She was busy dispatching when the 1955 "bust" came—a series of eight large fires and 50 small ones which started from lightning strikes fanned by strong winds. Broken power lines also contributed their share of the fires. Broken power lines also contributed to dispatch crews and route supplies. For this and her other highly efficient work she was given an outstanding performance rating in 1957.

It's going to be difficult for Janie Smith to retire to her home at 625 Oakdale dr. Perhaps she will do a little camping, she said.

**Grange News...**  
**Griffin Creek Grange**  
Griffin Creek Grange met Thursday, May 28, with all officers present. This being a social meeting, only important business was transacted. It was voted upon to pass up the check wagon breakfast scheduled in July, as a large percentage of active members will be on vacation at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold were welcomed as new members, after a favorable vote on demits from Central Point. The chaplain designated the third Sunday in June as the date for the Grange's Sunday to attend church. Mr. Arnold extended an invitation to visit the Presbyterian church in Jacksonville. It is hoped that a large number will attend.

The paint order has arrived and the job of painting the Grange hall is expected to begin in the near future.

An invitation to the wedding of Miss Zila Maddox from Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Maddox, to be held in the Catholic church at Jacksonville June 6 at 1 p.m., was read.

Mr. and Mrs. William Darby have the Grange chairs repaired and varnished, and it was voted to have the bookcase varnished also.

Mrs. Clyde Sturgill announced that a rummage sale will be held June 17 at the Eagle's hall.

Visitors from Eagle Point Grange, and former members here, were Mr. and Mrs. James Edge and daughters, Bonnie, Ronnie and Connie. The three girls entertained during the lecture hour with accordion music and songs. A few skits followed, and while lunch was being prepared by Mrs. Mabel Buchanan the girls played while several members danced.

Mrs. Roy Casey and Mrs. Iva Harper are on the serving committee for the next meeting, in June.

**H. A. BOYD DIES**  
Nashville, Tenn.—(UPI)—Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, secretary of the National Baptist Publishing board, died Thursday.

**APPEAL FOR MOSLEMS**  
Paris—(UPI)—The Catholic and Protestant churches of France have joined in an unprecedented world appeal for help for Moslems left homeless by the war in Algeria. Maurice Cardinal Feltin, archbishop of Paris, and Pastor Marc Boegner, president of the French Protestant Federation, signed the appeal.

**GOOD OLD DAYS**  
Jackson, Miss.—(UPI)—W. W. Frost, who spent 22 years as a revenue agent, said Friday that years ago most moonshiners made well-aged, smooth-tasting corn whiskey and generally resorted to a shotgun when "revenooers" visited them. Today, he said, moonshine is a foul, burning potion and most present day moonshiners call a lawyer rather than shoot it out with revenue agents.

## PROSPECT Baccalaureate Held

By FRANCES RING  
Prospect — Baccalaureate services for the Prospect High school class were held in the Community hall May 24.

Ministers from Prospect churches took part in the services with the Rev. Gerald Gardner, former Nazarene pastor, bringing the sermon. Mr. Gardner spoke on "Christianity in the 20th Century."

Graduates are Janet Bean, Celeste Burrill, Thomas Davidson, Mary Fowler, Mary Ann Hubbard, Jackie Hunt, Helen Jantzer, Norman Jantzer, George Lycette, Loretta Orgain, Linda Robertson, Ray Scaife, Gene Schuder, and Roma Shafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Robertson and family moved to Eagle Point Friday. Robertson works for the state highway department and will be foreman at Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. George Governor have postponed their trip east because of illness. Governor has had surgery recently and Mrs. Governor has the flu.

Bob Culver was injured Monday while fixing a fence. A cut over one eye required eight stitches to close.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Ring and son, Mike, have moved from their home on Red Blanket rd. to Union Creek.

Prospect High school teaching staff will be all new with the exception of two teachers next fall. Returning next fall are Miss Pat Lull who has been here two years and teaches English and girls physical education, and Peter Nashed who teaches arts and crafts, shop and world geography. Nashed has been here only one year.

Teachers leaving are Superintendent and Mrs. Kenneth H. Vannice. Mrs. Vannice has been teaching both high school and grade school music. Vannice will be superintendent at Culver, Ore., next fall and Mrs. Vannice plans to spend at least a year resting with the exception of a few private lessons. The Vannices have been here four years.

Mrs. Fern Walton, who has been librarian and taught typing two and higher math for four years, will be teaching English at Lakeview High school. The Waltons have sold their holdings near Bend and hope to buy a small acreage near Lakeview.

Alvern Gardner, who has been coach this year and taught chemistry, will teach next year in a school near Denver, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and daughter, Debbie, will leave for Colorado this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Bates and son, Eddie, left Friday for Forest Grove, Ore., where he will teach English and social studies next year. Bates has taught in that field here for the last two years.

Mrs. Ladonna Governor will move to Ft. Klamath next fall.

The grade school staff will all be the same with the exception of the sixth grade. Mrs. Patricia Rieck taught sixth this year but she will move to Grants Pass where she will teach the fifth grade at Riverside school.

Next year's staff will include Mrs. Marge Brewster, first grade; Mrs. Melan Becker, second grade; Mrs. Veda Neville, third grade; Mrs. Bertie Moore, fourth grade; Mrs. Eileen Watson, fifth grade; Mrs. Jo Ann Rochester, sixth grade; Dean Boyer, seventh grade; Marc Smith, eighth grade; and Mel Rochester, principal.

Plans for the ninth annual Hillbilly Jamboree, scheduled July 25, are nearing completion with the selection of the Queen candidates.

The six contestants are Misses Roma Shafer, senior; Donna Ells, Shirley Bedingfield, Sharon Owens and Eldonna Bear, all sophomores; and Linda Parton, eighth grade.

Each candidate will have

tickets available for 25 cents. As the weeks progress, the leading candidates will be posted.

The next Jamboree meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the community hall June 5. A representative of each participating organization is expected to attend.

A bridal shower honoring Loretta Orgain was held at the Burrill residence Wednesday. There were 30 guests attending and the bride to be received many gifts. She will be married to Jim Heath July 11, in Medford.

Co-hostesses for the event were Celeste Burrill and Mary Ann Hubbard.

The Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Powers left Friday for Santa Cruz, Calif., where they will go through Glad Tidings Bible Institute, where Mr. Powers hopes to enter in the fall. Mr. Powers has resigned the pastorate here in order to prepare himself for Missionary service overseas. He has been pastor of the Assembly of God church here about a year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Powers are charter members of the church here and have been active in the church since then.

The Pepsters club of PHS held installation of new officers for next year. Retiring officers are president, Celeste Burrill; vice president, Jo Ann Yates; secretary, Donna McElmurry; and treasurer, Helen Jantzer. New officers are president, Suzanne Rogers; vice president, Jill Hedgpath; secretary, Marian Governor; and treasurer, Connie Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Culver, Janet and Johney, spent the week end in Eugene visiting the Rev. and Mrs. Dick Reicher. The Reichers may come to Prospect to hold DVBS at the Assembly of God church. The Reicher's and the Culver's were coworkers in the Ketchikan Gospel Tabernacle.

Janet Culver was home from school last week with chicken pox.

Mrs. Clara Mallon, who has been living in Prospect with relatives, has moved to Medford and is working in Sacred Heart hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Baker are parents of a daughter, Jill Rene, born May 21 in a Medford hospital. Baker is district ranger at Prospect.

The Prospect Church of the Nazarene has invited children between 4 and 14 years old to attend Daily Vacation Bible school. Classes will start June 8. Transportation will be furnished by the Nazarene bus.

The new Prospect ranger station is finished and Ranger Baker and his family and Assistant District Ranger Krell and family have moved into their homes there. Ward Blane and family also will move to the new station. Bob Gilmore is another one of the people who will occupy one of the new houses.

The Dale Chapmans have moved from their home next to the Vic Chapmans to the Carl Spencer place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jap Hall and family have moved from the Swede Mill camp to the Sanderson house.

The eighth grade class spent Tuesday swimming at Twin Plunges. They left school early in the morning with seven mothers and after swimming had lunch at Jacks drive in.

**Ruch School to Close**  
**June 4, Gibson Notes**  
Ruch school will close June 4, instead of June 2 as previously reported. Boyd Gibson, principal, said Friday.

He said the school originally was scheduled to close June 2, but since the county school superintendent's office was notified, the date had been changed. The change, he said, had not been reported to the county office.

## Forest Service Officials Attend Training Session

S. T. (Terry) Moore, fire control officer for the Rogue River National forest, and Ralph Wiese, Butte Falls ranger, attended a wildlife management training session last week at Corvallis.

Much of the session was held in the Siuslaw National forest which extends through Benton, Lane, Lincoln and Douglas counties.

The group inspected cut-over areas in the Mary's peak district, and examined deer damage to Douglas fir plantations caused by too many deer for the browse available. The effect of logging and road construction on sedimentation in fishing streams was noted, Moore said.

The group participated in an office conference at Corvallis discussing wildlife management as related to multiple use management on the forest, Moore said. The group also looked at some areas near Yachats where elk damaged tree seedlings.

The group toured sand dune stabilization work in the area south of Florence, which has been proposed for national park status. The area is approximately 20 miles long and two miles wide. European beach grass and lodge-pole pine has been planted to prevent the wind from blowing the sand inland.

Among those present at the meeting was at least one ranger from each of the western Oregon forests, Les Zumwalt, game agent for the Oregon state game commission at Corvallis, and representatives from the regional forest service office in Portland.

**Medford Rural Fire District Sets Meeting**  
A final hearing on the proposed budget for the Medford Rural Fire Protection district will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Griffin creek school. District directors and budget committee members called the meeting.

The proposed budget for fiscal 1959-60 is \$48,035, compared to this year's budget of \$46,335, committee members noted.

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