

Owens Wants Seat on Armed Services Group

Portland - (UP) - Ex-Pvt. Marv Owens, whose congressional opponent intervened to help him win a quick Army discharge, said here Friday he would like a seat on the House Armed Services committee if elected to Congress from Oregon's 1st district.

The young Democratic nominee, who will reach the Congressional age of eligibility on his 25th birthday Oct. 14, arrived here with a four-point campaign program after discharge from the Army at Fort Ord, Calif., only a few hours earlier.

Owens told a press conference he believed an ex-military man belonged on the armed services committee. Owens obtained his Army discharge, under a special provision for political candidates, only after the Oregon congressional delegation, including his Republican opponent Walter Norblad, spoke to Army Secretary Wilbur Brucker.

"I am grateful," Owens told newsmen, for Norblad's assistance in obtaining the discharge.

Owens said he now was ready to launch a four-point campaign against Norblad. He called for elimination of waste in national defense, federal grants for water pollution control, a medical care program for the elderly similar to the Forand Bill, and a competitive two-party system to defeat Norblad in the first district.

Owens blamed the delay in his discharge on the "honest mistake" of a second lieutenant, who, he said, misread a section of the code.

He said he felt Sen. Wayne Morse, and Congresswoman Edith Green, both Democrats, were largely instrumental in obtaining his Army release, although he appreciated Norblad's efforts.

Owens, who still has a four-year Army reserve obligation, said he would make his first campaign appearance at the state fair in Salem Wednesday.

He said he hoped to appear on the platform with Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kennedy both in Salem and Portland.

Jacksonville People Reminded of Laws

Jacksonville-City administrators here recently reminded residents that shooting within the city limits is prohibited, and building permits are required for any construction activities.

Frank Carter, police chief, said Saturday any shooting within the city is unlawful and punishable by a \$25 fine. He emphasized that this included "all types" of guns.

City Building Inspector Chet Purcell reminded residents that permits must be obtained before starting work on any type of construction, building, alteration, or reconstruction. He added that a city ordinance provides a punishment of a \$100 fine per day for each day of work without a permit.

Information Center Opens at Capitol

Salem-UP-The new Capitol Visitors' Information center was dedicated at noon Friday by Gov. Mark Hatfield. The new center marks the first major re-modeling in the Capitol since its construction in 1938.

The lounge is on the first floor, directly opposite the main entrance and beneath the Governor's office.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., and Eliot H. Jenkins, President of West Coast Lumberman's association are co-sponsors of the project.

The new lounge will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday throughout the year from noon to 5 p.m. during the summer months.

Big Butte Springs Has 29.7 Rainfall

The city of Medford's Big Butte Springs weather station recorded 29.7 inches of rainfall during the agricultural year which ended last week.

The total rainfall, according to City Water Superintendent Robert Lee, is 80 per cent of the average yearly rainfall of 37.05 inches at the Big Butte Springs location.

Lee noted that the just completed year's rainfall was an improvement over the previous year when 25.27 inches of rain were recorded which was only 63.8 per cent of normal.



HOSPITAL VISITOR—Vice President Richard M. Nixon confers from his hospital bed with Walter Reed Army Medical center Thursday with New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. It was the first face-to-face meeting between the two since the Republican National Convention nominated Nixon for the presidency. (UPI Telephoto)

Increase Noted in Use of Library in Past Fiscal Year

A 15.78 per cent increase in the use of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county was noted during the fiscal year which ended recently, according to Librarian Omar Bacon.

Library services, he said, were greatly expanded and improved, and the "public response to the library is most gratifying." Library registrations during the year increased 62 per cent.

The greatest emphasis during the year was on improvement of service to county areas, Bacon said. Among the improvements which affected county borrowers includes \$3,000 worth of books from the state library, and uniform borrowers card for the library system.

Patrons were encouraged to return books at the most convenient location, and members of the library's headquarters staff made weekly visits to branches. Charges for reserved books were eliminated, and new adult and juvenile encyclopedias were placed in all branches.

Another improvement was the start of mailing service to residents in the county, Bacon noted. Use of the branch libraries increased by 17.12 per cent, he added.

Several new services were inaugurated during the year, Bacon noted. They included introduction in quantity of paper bound books, special mail service to senior citizens, establishment of an Oregon Alcove, providing Boy Scout materials in quantity, sale of surplus books to the public and the presentation of DAR genealogical books to the library.

Improved facilities during the year included a new library at Central Point, a public meeting room at the Med-

Judo Classes Set To Start Sept. 7

Judo and ju-jitsu classes are scheduled to start Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Medford Judo academy now located at 104 First st., Phoenix.

Tom Ball Jr., head instructor, recently announced that classes for women would be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, and a co-educational class Thursday night. Anyone at least 15 years old may register for the classes.

Ball added that \$6 would be charged for the first month of lessons, and \$5 each additional month. Besides the four classes each month, the gymnasium facilities will be open after 4 p.m. for practice Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

At its grand opening recently, Prof. Bud Estes of Chico State college, Chico, Calif., visited the new academy. Estes is now the president of the American Judo and Ju-Jitsu federation. He is a tenth-degree "black belt," the highest classification in judo. There are white, green, brown and black belts, symbolizing the experience and skill of the participant.

Ball noted that "standing room only" was available when 75 to 80 academy members and visitors packed the building, formerly used as the Phoenix hardware store. Members of the academy presented demonstrations of the various arts of judo.

Promotions during the opening celebrations included awarding the third degree brown belt to Dr. Paul Rutter and Mike Byrne, and the first degree black belt to Larry Nolte.

Persons interested in judo lessons have been asked to telephone Tom Ball Jr., at SPing 3-3167.

Bird nests are sometimes found in Hawaii made from threads of spun volcano glass which birds pluck from droplets of lava.

Judge Takes Case Under Advisement

Portland - (UP) - U.S. District Court Judge Gus Solomon Friday took under advisement a motion for retrial of two men convicted of conspiracy in connection with government wheat storage contracts.

Judge Solomon said he expected to render a decision within "a few days" on whether a retrial would be granted to Earl Corey, Portland, and Laurence Smith, Waterville, Wash.

Corey, former regional director of the Commodity Stabilization Service at Portland, was found guilty Aug. 9 of two counts of conspiracy and one count of conflict of interest. Smith was found guilty of eight false statement counts and two counts of conspiracy to defraud the government.

U.S. Hopes To Place Big Space Station in Orbit Around Moon This Month

Washington - (UP) - The United States hopes to hang a 400-pound space station in orbit around the moon late this month.

Its job will be to make radiation, guidance, propulsion, and communications studies vital to the future of space exploration.

For the first time in the history of U.S. spacecraft, the lunar orbiter will carry rockets to correct its course during the 2½-day trip to the moon.

The intention, according to space experts, is to anchor the craft in orbit around the moon and leave it there for as long as the contending forces of gravity permit.

The lunar space lab will be launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Atlas To Be Used

A three-stage Atlas-Able rocket will fire it toward the moon. Rockets built into the spacecraft itself will correct its speed and course in such a way as to put it into a polar orbit 3,000 to 4,000 miles above the moon.

The space station will carry thousands of solar cells, mounted on four "paddle-wheels," to keep its radio transmitters and instruments supplied with power.

It will resemble but be more than four times as heavy as Pioneer V, the U.S.

Phair Asks for Support on Bill

Pendleton-UP-Ron Phair, GOP Congressional candidate from Oregon's second district, said he has wired President Eisenhower urging him to sign a bill authorizing construction of the western division of The Dalles federal reclamation project.

Phair said he was "delighted" with the achievement of his opponent, Rep. Al Ullman, in steering the measure through the final days of Congress. Earlier, Phair had criticized Ullman for delay on the measure.

Phair said he had wired Eisenhower that a critical water shortage in Wasco County "endangers economic well-being of this area."

Bean Pickers Needed Badly

Portland - (UP) - The bean growing industry is in a serious situation and pickers are needed immediately, according to Don Merrill of the Northwest Cannery and Freezers association.

One of the biggest crops in years waits on the vines as Oregonians take a Labor Day holiday and youngsters prepare for the return to school.

Merrill said one farm alone in the Portland area needed 1,000 pickers. Many hundreds of tons of beans are threatened, he said, by the lack of pickers.

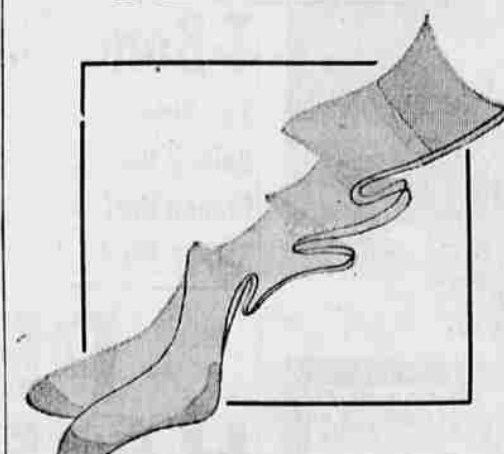
Growers were appealing to families to turn out over the weekend.

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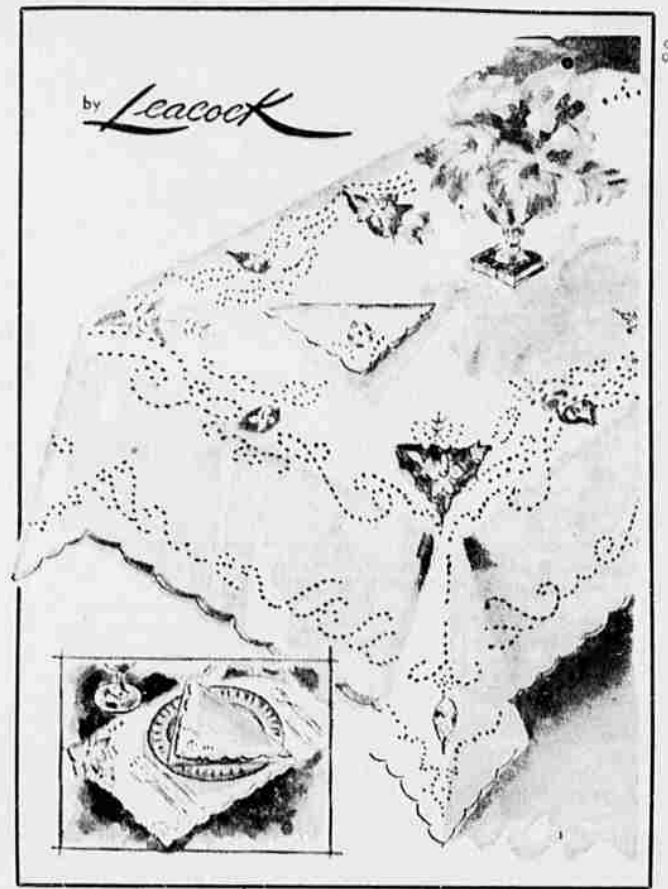
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