

DRAFTEES TO BE HISTORY'S HEALTHIEST

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—The army of 400,000 men who will take the oath of allegiance shortly after registration day, October 16, will be the healthiest conscription group in the nation's history.

Never since the first continental army was called into service in 1775 under General George Washington has there been a more rugged group answering the call to the colors.

Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general of the United States public health service, says the whole American people are in better physical condition than at any time in its history, and the army will choose its men in the most thorough physical and mental examinations medical science has devised.

Mental Tests
Physical requirements will not be as strict as those used in selecting men for the regular army in peacetime, but the men chosen will be near-perfect physical specimens.

In addition to checking every detail from ingrowing toenails to dandruff, the inspecting boards will also make rudimentary mental tests indicating the prospective soldier's ability to stand up under the strain of unusual camp conditions, training marches, and the pounding of rifle and cannon fire on man-eaters.

Local draft boards and the physicians in local communities will do the preliminary sifting of those called up for examination and as many as thirty per cent may be eliminated immediately because of poor teeth, flat feet, hernias, hemorrhoids, tonsillitis, faulty vision, venereal disease and other ailments.

Second Exam
The examining boards and physicians in community health agencies will eliminate many draftees may eliminate many draftees, war department officials said, for no other reason than their inability to get along with other people. It is also true that many men able to maintain their emotional balance in ordinary life blow up when thrown into close contact and competition in a training camp.

Men selected for training will undergo a second medical examination, more thorough than the home examination, when they reach a training camp. Here another ten per cent may be weeded out for physical and mental defects missed by the military surgeons of the regular army and reserve corps will perform every test from eye examinations to blood analyses.

Every man accepted for enlistment in the original draft must be proved to be free of tuberculosis in X-ray diagnosis and tuberculin tests; have no major eye disorders; have sound teeth and hands; be able to read and write; have no evidence of infectious disease; be free of syphilis and gonorrhea; and be able to pass a reasonable intelligence test.

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New St. Augustine Church Dedicated in Impressive Ceremonies at Merrill

MERRILL—The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph F. McGrath of the Baker City diocese, in a deeply impressive address at the dedication service in the new St. Augustine Catholic church Sunday morning, assured his congregation that "Religion is necessary and essential if mankind is to be kept from falling into moral decay."

"Religion," he continued, "is under a divine sanction that keeps civilization together and prevents its return to barbarism and the building of a church is an act of faith—a proclamation that man owes to the Creator."

Speaking of the effort that members of the local parish have made in the building of the new \$25,000 church and parish house, Bishop McGrath commended the parish for untiring work in the creation of a fitting monument to God.

The dedication sermon was preceded and followed by a solemn high mass with Bishop McGrath, Father Dehunkle, chancellor of the Baker City diocese; Father T. P. Casey, Klamath Falls; Father Felix Geis, Lakeview, formerly of the Merrill and Klamath Falls parish; Father James O'Connor, pastor of the local church, and the choir, directed by Mrs. M. E. Giacomini, assisting.

The site for the first Catholic church to be known as the Holy Cross church, was donated by the Terwilliger family in October, 1904, and the building was erected about 1908. Ed Terwilliger, now past 80 years of age, lives near Weed.

At that time Father John Heinrich was pastor of the Klamath Falls church and served the Merrill church also. Before funds were raised to build the church, mass was celebrated in the homes of the Colwell family or the E. M. Hammond home.

Few visits of priests are remembered by the pioneer Catholic families here before 1904, as there was no resident priest in Klamath county and visiting priests came by buggy from Jacksonville or Ashland.

In 1905 Father Fensel served the Merrill parish, officiating until 1908 when Father Tomkins and Father Greenwood took over the work. About this time mass was celebrated regularly once a month.

Work on the church, a frame building, was largely donated. Rock for the foundation was hauled by E. M. Hammond, John Colwell and Dan Colwell, all still living in the Merrill community. Cash donations totaling \$1200 were raised and

Will Barrows, a carpenter, put up the building.

During 1910 and the year following Rev. J. Cunningham was pastor. During the latter part of 1911 Father McMillan was appointed, filling one of the longest terms of any of the long list of local church heads, completing his term of service in 1916. Father Hugh Marshall, who followed, stayed until 1924 and his memory, it is said by those who were intimately associated with him, "still lives with many of the present parishioners."

Next came Father A. F. Loewer, who was assisted by Father C. G. Feige during the years 1926 and 1927. The following year found Father J. Schmidt in the pulpit, then for four years Father T. P. Casey, now pastor of the Sacred Heart church in Klamath Falls, officiated at services here. During Father Casey's years of service, mass was celebrated in Merrill every Sunday and from that time on the parish began to develop rapidly.

Assisting with the Merrill church during these later years were Fathers John T. Curran, G. Murphy and John O'Donovan.

In September, 1938, Bishop McGrath gave the dispensation for the Holy Cross parish, independent of the Klamath Falls parish, the new parish to serve the Merrill, Tulake and Malin communities. Father James O'Connor, present pastor, became resident priest of the newly constructed unit.

Last year funds were raised for completion of the new church, a brick edifice located just east of Merrill on the Merrill-Malin highway. This year the parish house was completed, the two buildings being completed at a cost of \$25,000.

Mrs. M. E. Giacomini, well known musician, has during all the years, donated her services to the choir and is the present director.

FRENCH BOLSTER DEFENSE
VICHY, France, Oct. 1 (UP)—The Petain government today decided to bolster the naval defense of French Martinique in the Caribbean, now under British blockade, and announced that it will retain full military and civil control of all overseas possessions.

BRIEF VISIT
ALGECIRAS, Spain, Sept. 30 (AP)—Col. Howard Egan, United States military attaché at Madrid, visited here briefly today. (Algeciras is just across a narrow bay from Gibraltar).

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and
Comment
by June Michelson

Girls' league officers for the five clubs were elected Monday. The presidents of the clubs are: Jerry Ann Dench, Big and Little Sister club; Virginia Ellen Smith, Li Lo club; Suzanne Michelson, Tea Towels club; Phyllis Aubrey, Dance a Lot club; Barbara Adams, SOS club.

These officers, however, have to be passed on by the eligibility committee before any are definite.

On display today and tomorrow at Foulger's are 10 of the new Pep Peppers sweaters complete with their pep emblems. The sweaters will be worn for the first time at the Lassen junior college game here Friday.

They are called labor savers, but until Bill's NYA boys learn to sling them with a little more accuracy they are definitely time wasters.

"They" are two new mops which the janitors began to use this week. Ropes with pieces of wood are attached to these mops and then they are thrown under a row of seats and are pulled from the opposite end, supposedly bringing all dirt with it.

A great deal of time can be saved when the art is mastered, for two of the boys did one room, which formerly took 10 minutes to sweep, in two minutes. The gadgets are called "patents pending" by the boys.

FREMONT SCHOOL PRESIDENT NAMED

Don Noel was named president of the Fremont grade school student body in an election held this past week among the upper grade students. Vice president is George Long; secretary, Sally Mueller; treasurer, Betty Larvick.

Members of the student council are: Fay O'Mahand, Donna Jean McVey, Gloria DePuy, Eileen Wheeler, Marjorie Twidwell, Bill Wilson, Walva Jean Salisbury, and Helen Wong.

Student court jurors included Jack Kennett, Louise Langworthy, Joanne O'Neill, Larry White, Jack Zupan and Malcolm Epley.

NO SECRETS HERE

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP)—Winifred L. Watkins of Richmond and Winifred L. Watkins of Birmingham, Mich., are having a tough time as freshmen at Mary Washington college here.

"I've a letter from your boy friend," said the Richmond Miss Watkins to Miss Watkins of Michigan.

"And I've got a letter from your boy friend," replied the latter.

SEEDY TRICK
INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A traveling salesman sold Mrs. D. L. Cowser some seeds he said would grow "water orchids."

Now she would like to see him again. The seeds produced milkweed.

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Souvenir Takers Cost Big Hotels Millions Yearly

SEATTLE, Oct. 1 (AP)—Souvenir snatchers (what, you've done it yourself?) cost the nation's hotels an estimated \$10,000,000 last year—and the towels, blankets, silver and knick-knacks are still disappearing.

It's really a staggering total when the hotel managers add up the missing items at a year's end, commented Mrs. Grace H. Woolley, manager of the national division of the American Hotel association, who estimated the figure. It's a headache for her because the operators write for advice on how to cut the loss.

She still has to advise them not to try "frisking" the guests on the way out. A first class hotel has to grin and bear the inroads of its first class patrons. "If the guests would stop doing it," Mrs. Woolley admonished, "and if they would save electricity and water, rates could be lowered appreciably. We hope by publicity some day to convince guests of this truth."

The Palmer House in Chicago one year lost \$25,000 worth of silver and \$25,000 worth of linen, she related. A hotel that opened in New York several years ago with an expensive banjo clock in each of 700 rooms found 342 clocks missing after a few weeks.

Muhlenbroch Apologizes To Parents

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Oct. 1 (UP)—Wilhelm Jakob Muhlenbroch, kidnaper of three-year-old Marc de Tristan Jr., last night apologized to the parents for his deed and announced he was resigned to the prospect of life imprisonment.

The 40-year-old barber who thought he had embarked on the perfect crime when he snatched the child in Hillsborough, Sept. 20, said he would plead guilty before Superior Judge Maxwell McNitt Tuesday and accept the sentence of life imprisonment mandatory under California's "Little Lindbergh act."

"I know what I'm up against. I know there is no chance of ever getting out of prison. But I don't want to ask leniency," he said.

OTHERS ARE HIGHER

The Swiss Alps have higher peaks than the 14,782-foot Matterhorn. None, however, tower higher in the romantic imagination of both native and tourist.

Einstein Gets Welcome As U. S. Citizen

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 1 (AP)—Federal Judge Phillip Forman welcomed Professor Albert Einstein to American citizenship today with an observation that the scientist's "presence here becomes America's gain."

Judge Forman, pointing out that he himself was the son of immigrant Jewish parents, said "I am deeply cognizant that only in America would it be possible for me to occupy the position which I do as the representative of my country."

"In our concept he was created equal with all men," said Forman in remarks prepared for induction of 100-odd new citizens including the refugee who is now living in nearby Princeton.

"You will observe," Judge Forman said, that Einstein "is admitted to citizenship here in the same democratic method as are all others, but the simplicity of these ceremonies is characteristic only of that which is America."

"It does not detract from our privilege of providing a homeland for this man who thinks in terms of all the universe. Because of his race his writings were burned and he was forced to flee from his native land. In our concept he was created equal with all men and his presence here becomes America's gain."

No price can be placed upon the value of the freedom we enjoy and, just as immigrants and sons of immigrants created that freedom with sacrifice, so other immigrants and sons and daughters of immigrants will repel any threat against that freedom. The light will not go out in this country.

"We will hand it on undiminished to the generations yet to come, even though it means the sacrifice of our fortunes and our lives, as it did those of the founders."

POTATO WORKERS NEED CLOTHING

MERRILL—Transient potato harvesters, arriving here by the hundreds, are desperately in need of clothing and bedding. To meet the need for assisting them, relief committees have been organized in the auxiliary of the Merrill Legion post and the Presbyterian church.

Any one having clothing of any kind for men, women, children, both boys and girls, and for babies, is asked to leave their contribution with Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick or with Mrs. Percy Pierce for distribution.

Clothing is being taken care of in the kitchen in the community hall where families who need it are sent by Howard Wilson, mobile camp manager who is co-operating with the relief committees.

Mr. Wilson stated this week that 750 persons are already registered in camp with 200 or more expected before the peak is reached. Most of those arriving in the camp at Merrill have just finished work in the hop fields in the northern part of the state.

NICKED NECK

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Marion Hogan peeked out of the elevator he operates, touched the starting handle and the divided doors snapped on his neck.

For 20 minutes he gaped at a crowd gathered outside while a building engineer climbed into the elevator through a trap door at the top and removed the doors. Hogan emerged "unhurt but uncomfortable."

HASTE MAKES—

KANSAS CITY, Kas. (AP)—Harold McKain, given a summons for speeding, told the arresting officer he was hurrying to police court—to answer another summons for speeding.

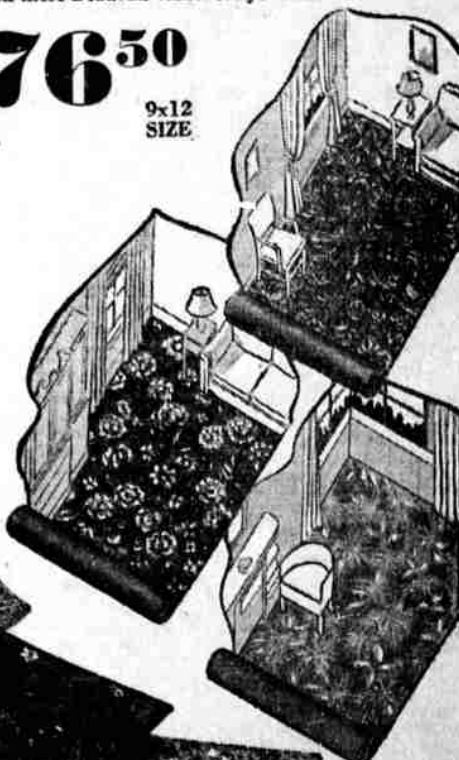
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