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Brief Comment

LOCAL people who have doubted the desirability of the Kesterson road camp site for the army units should talk to the army men, both privates and brass hats. They think it's a remarkably good bivouac site, making up in grassy cover for what is lacking in shade. The site, incidentally, was picked out by the army men themselves. All it needs is a few trees and a swimming hole to make it a first-class vacation campground.

Incidentally, let's say a good word for what has been done here to make the visiting trainees and their officers feel at home. The community has put forth that warm hospitality we have been talking about, and the street dance idea turned out to be a wow.

There is reason to believe the yell for Klamath Falls that followed the dance Thursday night was enthusiastically sincere.

The trainees, who are as fine looking a group of young men as we have ever seen—healthy, clear-eyed, well-behaved—are deserving of the kind of treatment they have been getting here.

Reports from Medford and Eugene are that those communities are very much excited over the prospects for location of army cantonments there.

Newspapers of both towns have been advising their readers of the responsibilities that devolve upon communities where such large army units are located. The Medford Mail-Tribune has warned Medfordites that the two cities were "preferred" rather than selected, and that there is a slip, a third site might be chosen. There has also been talk of certain "headaches" that go with the prospective situations of the two cities.

But the general feeling is of excited enthusiasm. If we are to trust reports trickling over the Cascades. Meanwhile Polk county farmers, who signed petitions urging that Polk county be omitted from consideration as a cantonment site because of what it would do to tax values, are reported to be also happy.

Medford News has explained to the populace there that newspapers of Medford were warned by army engineers against advance publicity on cantonment investigations, and therefore nothing appeared in Medford papers until the preference selections were announced.

To anyone here who may have wondered why nothing was said in the papers about cantonment possibilities in Oregon, the News statement may be taken at face value. The army engineers were here, they made an investigation and received through the chamber of commerce a comprehensive report on all pertinent facts in connection with suggested sites. Land ownership and other data were prepared by County Assessor Charles H. Mack, and inquiry was made among owners. Maps were supplied to show full details.

But in deference to the flat request and warning of the engineers, newspapers and radio refrained from comment until release came from official sources.

The areas near here in which the army engineers evinced interest were the Swan lake district, and the rolling country west of here well into the Cascade range.

A Washington dispatch states that the selection of Medford and Eugene as cantonment sites was partly due to the fact there was no large defense project west of the Cascades, whereas Pendleton, Hermiston and Arlington were getting big projects east of the mountains.

There has been little evidence of disappointment here over the cantonment decision. We would like to see an aviation squadron or something of that nature located here. Men in this branch of the service are well paid and their presence would not create a serious moral or social problem. It would do much to further the cause of aviation hereabouts.

"CLOSED CORPORATION"

ATEN, Neb., (P)—Said teacher Ruth Clark to cousin Carol Clark, "school is dismissed for the summer."

And that ended the school year for Cedar county's one pupil, one-teacher and one-family school.

PRINEVILLE FIRE

PRINEVILLE, May 23 (P)—Mill employees and the fire department checked a blaze in the fire house of the Alexander-Yawkey Lumber planer mill here. Mill officials said damage was slight, but that one employee was burned on the arm and neck.

NATIONAL PARK VISITORS

The 1940 travel year ended Sept. 30 and showed that 16,741,855 men, women and children visited the national parks and monuments of the United States.

Getting Ready for Another Slice?



Elsewhere In Oregon

REDMOND, May 23 (P)—A tax levy of \$15,760 will be required to meet the Redmond grade school budget of \$33,860 for the 1941-42 year, the new budget carries small salary increases for teachers.

BEND, May 23 (P)—A locomotive was derailed, several log cars were shattered and a portion of track torn up here yesterday when a Great Northern gravel train struck the rear of a logging train near here. Crews of both trains escaped injury.

BURNS, May 23 (P)—Friends learned yesterday that Robert Fichtel, range examiner at the Squaw Butte station near here, died of a streptococcus infection at Fort Collins, Colo., May 17. A graduate of Utah State college, he attended Oregon State

college in 1938. Surviving are his widow and a small son.

MARSHFIELD, May 23 (P)—New bids for erection of a \$30,000 building by the Coos Bay Mutual creamery will be opened June 6. Previous bids were rejected by directors, who said only two firms submitted offers.

Columbia Loggers Resume Wage Talks

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23 (P)—Encouraged by some progress yesterday, Columbia basin loggers and CIO woods workers resumed negotiations today on a wage and working conditions dispute.

Charles A. Wheeler, federal conciliator, said there was a possibility of local settlement before the federal mediation board takes over the case at Washington, D. C., May 28.

The principal stumbling block, an employer spokesman said, was a demand for a union shop. Employers have offered a 75 cent an hour wage boost, to 75 cents. The union, however, wants 15.

DRAFT BOARDS TO SKIP SKILLED MEN

SALEM, May 23 (P)—A cooperative program to prevent men from being taken from vital defense industries into the army was announced today by Lieutenant Colonel Elmer V. Wootton, state selective service director, and L. C. Stoll, state employment service director.

Colonel Wootton directed local selective service boards to comb their rolls for men skilled in defense trades, and to prevent their induction into the army.

A driverless two-horse team calls for Miss Dorothy Quill, a school teacher of Lone Star school, Oshkosh, Neb., each day after classes.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 23—

The Anglo-new deal economic oracle, John Maynard Keynes, has kept his lips sealed during his American visit, emitting not even the usual smoke therefrom. But at a matinee luncheon privately tendered him by the federal reserve board here, he contributed several new thoughts. Among them:

Business will be even better in the United States for 2 or 3 years after the war than it is in the present defense boom.

Defeatism is worse in Washington than in London or New York.

Elsewhere the Socrates of the spending school, who usually says things that the new dealers will be doing next, expressed the notion that government control of rents, public utilities charges and wages (presumably affixed to already evident price controls) would prevent inflation. The new dealers all want to avoid runaway inflation but so far have not moved to restrict rents and wages, although they have utilities fairly well within their grasp through normal regulatory controls.

PEACE BOOM

The Keynes idea that business here will grow after the war contradicts the general assumption of a collapse when defense production stops. His reasoning apparently is that consumer buying will be so restricted by rationing and restraints on production during the defense boom, that a pent-up demand for such things as automobiles, refrigerators, etc., will flood the country when peace comes. Also the United States will be the only nation in the world whose productive capacity for consumer goods has not been bombed or otherwise injured. He thinks the world will be buying from us, an assumption naturally based on expectation of a British victory.

This seems to belie the necessity for a repayment of "deferred pay" (another Keynes plan outlined yesterday) or the vast public works program which the new deal is contriving to take up the post-war slack. Apparently the new dealers would defer these spending arm shots until the peace buying boom had spent itself. (Mr. Keynes did not say what the world would use for money to buy from us.)

Defeatism in Washington is

SIDE GLANCES



"I see our son is trying to make an impression on the new neighbor's daughter—your specialty was handstands."

admitted. Everyone here thinks the British have done far better than could have been expected after Dunkerque. Nearly everyone gives the British better than an even chance to repel invasion. But the British themselves are responsible for the defeatism beyond these two points. They have spread stories to inspire American aid, painted black pictures of their food supply situation, and their ability to stand on the seas, etc.

It is only natural furthermore that London would be less defeatist, because London is less realistic. The British character is founded on a quiet assumption of superiority and ability to lick anybody. Or a better way of putting it is to say they never know when they are licked, and therefore they are never licked.

INFLATION

Keynes' confidence that inflation can be avoided is not so generally shared. Primarily he assumes the control of wages, something this government has not assumed. It cannot even control strikes. (John Lewis, who may know better than the economists, is predicting inflation.)

Keynes also assumes price controls, something his own British government has not been able to accomplish. The cost of living in Britain has gone up from an average of 96.4 in 1939

to 120.1 in February this year, an increase of 25 per cent.

The government itself furthermore is breaking the present price levels through the new unprecedentedly high tax bill on business and commodities. It is also forcing up the cost of living in a minor way by the policy of the agriculture department, decreasing higher prices for eggs, pork products, etc., and congress is forcing it up on a grand scale with the new farm price parity loan bill now facing the president.

If these obvious signs do not mean inflation, then some steps stronger than anybody has yet suggested, must be devised and pulled effectively.

Courthouse Records

Justice Court
Ralph Egger, unlawfully throwing down a gate. Pled not guilty. Bond of \$200 to be filed.

William Joseph Felton, failure to drive on right side of highway. Fined \$5.50.

Orville Richard Schroeder, no tail light. Fined \$5.50.

HOME PROTECTION

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