

INSURANCE MEN TO ATTEND MEET

George Millard and Clarence Drake, State Farm Insurance company's representatives in this district, will leave for Portland this weekend to attend the annual state convention of that organization which will be held there Monday and Tuesday, September 1 and 2. Close to 200 State Farm Insurance employees will participate in the two-day program.

Among the prominent guest speakers will be R. P. Mecherle of Bloomington, Ill., president of the State Farm Automobile Insurance company; and A. W. Tompkins, also of Bloomington, vice president, who are in the west for the event; E. B. MacNaughton, president of the First National Bank of Portland; Mac Hoke, prominent Eastern Oregon wheat man and president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation; and Paul W. Knaupp, state director of the State Farm Insurance companies in Oregon. The meetings will be held in the old Heathman hotel.

DRAFT BOARDS TO RETURN MEN JOBS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (AP)—Local draft boards have been charged by the national director with responsibility for seeing that the soldiers who soon will be leaving the army get their old jobs back.

Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, the director, wants each board to appoint a reemployment committee to make sure that the soldiers' rights are protected. The law, he pointed out yesterday, requires that the men be rehired "unless the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so."

Under present plans the army will return to civilian life by Christmas 200,000 men who are over 28, or married, or whose military service is held to be an economic hardship.

Second Cowboy Gets Air, Third Ranch Husband Wedded

JACKSON, Wyo., Aug. 26 (AP)—The divorce of Anne Gould Elsbury, 28, great granddaughter of the railroad magnate, Jay Gould, from her second cowboy husband and her third marriage to a Wyoming ranch neighbor were disclosed Monday.

The Rev. L. K. Barbee, pastor of the First Baptist church, said he performed a marriage ceremony for the heiress and Ezra (Gus) Wogoman of Cody Saturday afternoon.

The bride obtained a decree of divorce Friday from her second husband, Herman Elsbury, Cody cowboy, in the Teton county district court.

Milward Simpson of Cody, Mrs. Wogoman's attorney, said Elsbury did not contest the divorce action, which charged cruelty. The decree, signed by District Judge Robert Christman, contained a property settlement agreement, Simpson said. Its terms were not disclosed.

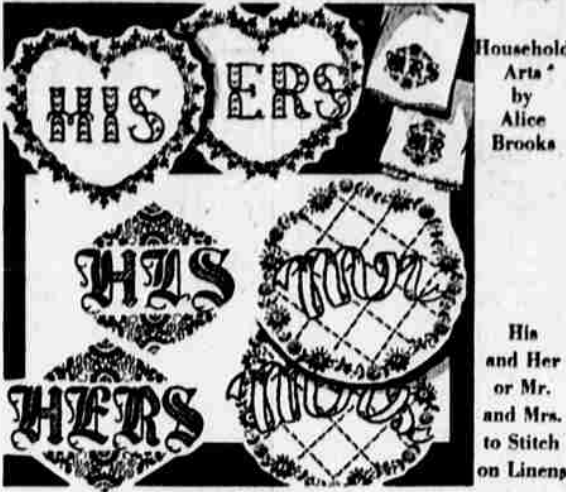
The Gould heiress and Elsbury were married in February, 1936, a day after she had been divorced from her first husband, Frank Meador, member of a Texas ranching family.

PLENTY OF B-B'S
SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Because it's no fun just to pull a trigger and yell "pow," B-B guns have found their way into Camp Callan.

They're strapped right alongside a Springfield .30 calibre rifle and when the rookie pulls the trigger he can see results. So far they've only used the contraption — a brainchild of Lieut. Col. Manly B. Gibson — in target practice.

ETIQUET
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U. S. O. Beginnings Told By Writer; Need Stressed for Army Men's Entertainment

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., is well-known briefly as the USO. The government asked six leading welfare organizations to incorporate the USO to serve the recreational, spiritual, educational and social needs of the members of America's armed forces and defense workers. The government is providing the money to build 50 or more service clubhouses. The USO conducted a nationwide appeal for funds to staff and operate the clubs. The public cheerfully gave the money. Without waiting for construction of permanent clubhouses, the USO is plunging into its task. Three stories, of which this is the first, will describe exactly how USO quickly moved into the job.)

By WILLIAM I. GORDON

It was the Saturday night after Camp Roberts' pay day. Camp Roberts is an army replacement post, with 17,000 to 22,000 selected trainees moving in and out.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands of the boys were in San Miguel. San Miguel is a California town with a normal population of approximately 500 persons. It is the nearest town to Camp Roberts.

And the boys were milling around.

The main street of the town is a heavily traveled highway with a dusty space separating the paved strips which are the highway and the sidewalk.

The tiny community is striving to solve a two-fold problem—how to help the boys who come from all parts of the country and yet maintain its equilibrium as a community of permanent residents. It seems almost impossible.

The beer parlors were doing a land office business. The boys had been paid the day before and they were seeking a taste of fun.

Tent Dance

There was a tent dance in progress. Concessionaires were doing their bit to provide diversion for the boys, and, incidentally, to garner what profit they could from the army pay day. The scene was none too savory.

Impressed that there was nothing else to do, the boys who are being trained to defend the nation were making their way to the beer parlors. Then someone spread the word of a clubhouse being operated for their benefit and many of them left off their aimless milling to find their way to that clubhouse.

In sharp contrast to the general melee in San Miguel was a scene in Paso Robles, where the word about a service clubhouse had more quickly reached the ears of America's young citizen soldiers.

While a capacity crowd occupied writing tables, played pool or billiards, ping pong or darts, read magazines or books provided free of charge, a group of townswomen, young and middle-aged, was preparing a supper in the clubhouse kitchen.

The supper was served, wholesome young girls of the town

YMCA, National Catholic Community Service, YWCA, National Jewish Welfare Board and National Travelers' Aid association, to form a single unit for the recreational, spiritual, educational and social benefit of members of the armed forces and defense industry workers of the military reservations.

The result was the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc.

USO took on the task of raising \$10,765,000 by popular subscription to staff and operate for the first year the 360 or more clubhouses the government is now building.

In some localities the fund-raising campaign is just beginning, but the USO is NOT waiting. Existing facilities are being taken over to meet the big problem, to insure a smooth working program for the permanent clubhouses. All six agencies are sending representatives to vital points to assist in coordination and perfection of the activities.

All USO clubs will be away from military and naval reservations, in locations easily accessible to soldiers, sailors and defense workers.

One of the six agencies is assigned to manage each of the clubhouses. That agency is responsible to national headquarters for disbursements and for operation of the club on a non-profit basis. Each of the other five agencies has a representative in the club. Again, each agency provides one phase of the coordinated program.

The six representatives lose their identity so far as their individual groups are concerned, becoming USO representatives, with instructions to adhere strictly to the policy of a centralized USO endeavor. Specifically, there is no YMCA, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare activity, nor any other independent activity, known as such, but rather a unified USO program.

As soon as the club has been established the responsible agency is appointed by agreement among the six sponsoring units. The Salvation Army may direct the coordinated program in a club at Fort Dix; the National Catholic Community Service may have charge at Fort Lewis; the YMCA may be ultimately responsible at Fort Benning. But all the other five agencies in each hut will have a voice in the operation of the club through their authorized representatives.

It is explained by USO officers that this system was established merely to place direct and final responsibility, appropriations being made to the responsible agency for administration in the clubhouse and not for any outside activity of that agency.

Home Atmosphere

The army and navy have their own recreation programs, conducted on the reservations, but the USO is being heavily counted upon by high military and naval leaders to provide the nearest approach to a home atmosphere for those civilians suddenly transformed into cogs of a great and ever-expanding defense machine.

The USO assigned this writer to make a tour of large camps in California—Fort Ord, 27,000 men; Camp Roberts, 20,000;

Camp San Luis Obispo, 22,000—to determine the needs and preferences of facilities considered as the due of the trainees.

A questionnaire had been distributed among the youths, and leading the list of preferences is dancing.

In temporary USO clubs frequent dances are now being held and more are being arranged. When the full program is put into effect every trainee will have an opportunity to attend a dance at least once a month. Women's clubs in towns near camps are cooperating wholeheartedly in recruiting young women from the best of families to attend efficiently supervised dances, thus affording the youths a continuity of civilian life that otherwise would be lacking.

Next to dancing, the youths' preferences run to opportunity for an occasional return to the life they had known, through invitations into the homes of townspeople near the camps.

The USO has plunged into this problem with determination and already the doors of thousands of homes are being opened to the soldier boys. The USO has gained cooperation of service and women's clubs, fraternal organizations and veterans groups to carry on a program of education among the citizens—to convince the homemakers that the boys in camp are the cream of America's young manhood; that they are far from professional soldiers and that they long for the uplift which comes from a friendly conversation across a cheerful dinner table in a home. The USO serves as the clearing house for such get-togethers.

Transportation constitutes a serious problem, especially in the west, where distances are great.

Long Trek

On a Saturday afternoon at Camp Roberts a thousand or more citizen soldiers were lined up waiting for bus transportation to Los Angeles or other points, on their weekend leaves. One lone bus was on the ground. It was loaded to utmost capacity, and as it pulled away, that crowd of eager youths watched with disappointment, for no one knew when another bus would be available.

Literally thousands more, resigned to the necessity of riding Shanks' Ponies, were trudging two and three abreast, on each dry and dusty side of the highway toward San Miguel and Paso Robles. Many of them would have welcomed the offer of a ride from a passing auto, but by the time willing motorists have reached Roberts they have filled their cars with boys from camps farther north. The problem is intensified at San Luis Obispo when the throngs on leave from the adjacent camp join in the arduous trek toward a single evening of civilian fun. A brief night in Los Angeles and the boys must repeat the task of fighting heavy traffic to somehow get back to camp for Monday morning show-up. That's proof of the sincerity of their plea for a sample of what they once knew.

To meet this challenge, the USO is working on several plans of economical or free transportation to link the camps with large

cities far away. Local automobile clubs are offering cooperative efforts to provide relay transportation for boys making long trips and to sponsor organized tours with members of clubs and other volunteers donating their automobiles and driving time to join the tour to points of interest. USO is the hub of this program which, in several phases, is already well under way.

Since the first boy went to camp, stress has been placed upon the concern felt by some parents over the spiritual welfare of sons suddenly uprooted and moved from a civilian routine of weekday labor, social activities, entertainment and Sunday worship.

Through efforts of the USO churches of various denominations are conducting three-fold programs comprised of a short service of a religious nature, an hour of wholesome entertainment and the serving of refreshments as a climax to the day's church activities.

Catholic representatives are being assigned to each major USO unit, and the Jewish National Welfare Board, a component part of the USO, is rapidly placing liaison personnel in USO clubhouses, whether temporary or permanent, with instructions to coordinate their activities with all other benefits offered the boys through the central organization.

Welcome Recreation

Contacts effected through this service are proving of inestimable value. Where no church house is available, services for all faiths are being conducted in the USO "huts." Army chaplains welcome this activity and are assisting greatly in off-reservation religious affairs.

USO has provided welcome recreation and entertainment for soldiers in maneuvers, gaining expressions of appreciation from army officers for their cooperation.

Summarizing, the boys crave normal outlets for their energies and emotions. They want to dance, sing, swim, read good periodicals and books. They want to worship in their accustomed ways and, sometimes homesick and lonely, they want acceptance into a home to gain the soothing feeling that all is NOT "army"; that there is still a home life in the nation which they are preparing to defend, even though they see little of that home life now.

Army and navy officers place great emphasis upon the statement that a case of homesickness is something for which military experts have no cure.

The United Service Organizations gave the everyday citizen an opportunity to prove that the boy is not forgotten as soon as he is enlisted, by conducting its appeal for popular subscription to the fund.

The USO got the money in individual and corporation gifts ranging from a dime to a hundred thousand dollars or more.

It is now rapidly providing the benefits for which the money was intended. It has not waited for permanent clubhouses to be erected. USO is acquiring whatever quarters are available in scores of communities, remodeling the buildings to approximate clubs until permanent huts are ready, and throwing open the doors to the boys with a hearty, "welcome, fellow, come in and enjoy yourself!"

The USO is on the job for the USA.

(The second article in this series will describe the immense problem presented by the "women in the army," and how the USO is doing a fast job to solve the problem.)

LARCENY CHARGE FACES ANDERSON

SALEM, Aug. 26 (AP)—Three 19-year-old convicts, who escaped from the state prison sheds Saturday, were in solitary confinement today thinking it over, and they probably will stay there several months.

Kenneth L. Hougham, taken by Portland police yesterday and last of the trio to be recaptured, was put in solitary last night. Larceny charges were filed against James Q. Anderson, who took Deputy Warden E. C. Halley's car in his break for freedom. The third convict is Charles M. Carmichael.

With Seven Sons In Navy, Father Decides to Enlist

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP)—Floyd Patton, who has seven sons in the U. S. navy, isn't quite sure that he has done enough for his country. So he's going to join the navy, too.

Although he is 53 years old, Admiral C. W. Nimitz, chief of the bureau of navigation, decided that he was not too old for duty. Patton was sent to San Francisco today for enlistment. Lieut. G. F. DeGrave, Portland recruiting chief, said. He probably will be placed in recruiting service.

The seven sons, Bruse, Ray, Myrre, Allen, Clarence, Marvin and Floyd Jr., all are serving on the battleship Nevada. Another son, Wayne, nearly 17, the father said, probably will enlist soon.

ALARM

THE DALLAS, Aug. 26 (AP)—A fire alarm interrupted Assistant Fire Chief Charles Roth Jr., as he was burning grass off a vacant lot.

He hustled down to the fire hall in time to follow trucks starting out for the reported blaze.

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SALEM BEAN CROP STILL IN PERIL

SALEM, Aug. 26 (AP)—Salem business men let their employees have the day off yesterday so they could pick beans, but the bosses suspect that many of the employees just went home and had a good day's rest.

Only 2500 persons, including several hundred in the government's farm labor camp at West Stayton, picked beans. At least 4000 more pickers are needed immediately.

"Any real let down in picking within the next 48 hours can cause a serious crop loss," W. H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the state employment service, said. The bean harvest will continue for three more weeks.

BANK NIGHT

WHEELER, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP)—It was like bank night on the beach, coastal residents, armed with flashlights and shovels, collecting hundreds of fish last night.

The receding tide left a school of pilchards stranded in a long, shallow hole. One man said he scooped up 100 pounds in 10 minutes.



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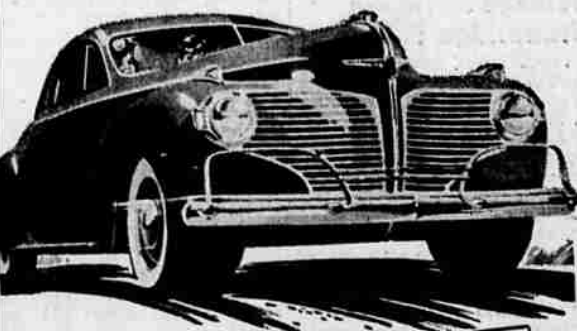
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