

FRESHMEN AT SOGE ENROLL SEPTEMBER 22

ASHLAND, Aug. 29 (Special) The fall quarter at the Southern Oregon College of Education will open Monday, September 22, with registration for all freshman students. Upper classmen will register Wednesday, September 24.

The Southern Oregon College of Education offers two definite courses of study, the teacher education course and the junior college course. Students enrolled in teacher education are now able to work toward a bachelor of science degree in elementary education upon completion of a standard four-year course of study. Students interested in junior college work and liberal arts will find a wide variety of offerings in art, music, science and mathematics, English, social science, psychology, and health and physical education. Students enrolled in junior college work are able to complete from one to two years of work in medicine, law, forestry, engineering, home economics, business administration, and many other fields.

Students enrolling at the college for the first time should submit a transcript of their high school or college record some time prior to registration. It would be particularly helpful to new students to call at the office of the registrar before registration day in order to make out their fall program.

Air War Exercises May Be Held on Continental Scale

SEATTLE, Aug. 29 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, chief of the army air force combat command, said today that air war exercises—with bombers, pursuit planes and anti-aircraft guns in action—might be held on a continental scale next spring.

County Defense Councils Asked to Report Progress

SALEM, Aug. 29 (AP)—All county defense councils in Oregon were asked by State Civilian Defense Coordinator Jerrold Owen today to report their progress in enlisting volunteers in the civil reserves, which will assist the army in defending the state in air attacks or invasion.

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Big Effort on for Small Business, Declares Writer

By PETER EDSON
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 — If you don't think times have changed, consider just two angles of the Washington spectacle today: (1) Big business men, republicans nearly all, are working for the new deal administration for a dollar a year; (2) The republican party, which used to be considered the protector of big business, has now taken the cause of little business under its wing.

This latter development comes through House Minority Leader Joe Martin's appointment of a committee of 20 republican congressmen, headed by Charles A. Halleck of Rensselaer, Indiana, to study the problem of the little fellow squeezed out of business by the defense effort.

Entrance of the Halleck committee into the picture brings to a total of five the number of government bodies who are now professionally worried about the little fellow. The Halleck committee isn't an official congressional committee. It is purely political, it has no appropriation, and its activities will consist of receiving complaints from small business men caught in the priorities draft. The committee members will probably make speeches about them.

In the senate two committees have tackled the problem. The Truman committee, investigating national defense contracts, has touched on the subject in testimony from a few witnesses, and Truman investigators have dug into it considerably. Then there is the committee headed by Senator James E. Murray of Butte, Mont., appointed specifically to study problems of small business enterprises. It started work even before the defense effort got hot, but so far hasn't come up with anything very helpful.

Over in OPM is the defense contract service under Robert L. Mehornay which has the real job of trying to promote subcontracting, bringing the little manufacturer into the defense program, spreading the work to "bits and pieces" production. Its recent job of inviting manufacturers in the Detroit area to come in and see a torn down model of aircraft and tank engines, to see what parts they could make, is an example of the constructive work in aiding the change-over from normal to defense production.

Paralleling this work is the effort of Sidney Hillman's labor division in OPM to keep up employment during the transition period and maintain a steady supply of labor for the expanding defense efforts. Both of these are positive steps to benefit the small business man, particularly the manufacturer, but they don't cover the problems of the little fellow who can't get a piece of the defense pie.

Broader in its scope, and likewise positive in its intention of actually doing something to help the small, or independent business man caught in the defense rush, will be the work of the new "small business unit" now being set up in Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold's anti-trust division. Arnold has just picked his man to head this unit in Guy Holcomb of Atlanta, Ga.

It will be early September before Holcomb will be set to start functioning, but in the meantime, he is willing to receive letters from small business men who feel that they are being left out of the defense picture, or are actually being discriminated against. When organized, this unit will have a staff to follow up on these complaints and an economic staff to analyze them. Address: Small Business Unit, Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

To Help Business
Holcomb himself is not a lawyer, which makes him one of the few non-legal lights in the D. J. setup. He has been a small business man, with experience in banking, bond selling, corporate insurance and retail selling. He helped organize a gasoline filling station retailers' organization in Georgia, fought the battles of the independents against the big refining and distributing companies. He caught Arnold's attention in that and so was picked to head up this new unit.

Numerous complaints have been received from small business men by the justice department. A lot of them are crackpot letters but about one in four will have something in it that bears further investigation.

If the new Arnold-Holcomb unit can serve as a real friend of the small business man in Washington, where the big fellows with the lobbyists and special representatives have an obvious advantage, useful work can be done.

Sprague Notified National Guard Will Stay in Service
SALEM, Aug. 29 (AP)—The war department officially notified Gov. Charles A. Sprague today that the Oregon national guard, which was inducted into federal service Sept. 15, 1940, would remain in the regular army another 18 months.

It added, however, that "individual members of the national guard will be released from time to time as the situation permits."

The guard's 249th coast artillery regiment is manning the Columbia river defenses at Fort Stevens, while the rest of the guardsmen are at Fort Lewis, Wash.

RETAIL BUYING ZOOMING ALONG AT BRISK GAIT

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP)—Buying in stores continued to zoom along at a brisk gait this week, and retail sales averaged 25 to 30 per cent above last year for the country as a whole, Dun and Bradstreet reported today.

"Retailing showed no signs of losing the fast pace of recent weeks," the agency said. "A few centers reported that scare buying was less marked but there was usually a sufficient expansion in seasonal demand to keep dollar volume moving up."

"Household goods still held the limelight. Furniture sales spurred as August promotions drew to a close. Demand for higher priced furniture items, pianos, and large appliances was especially heavy in anticipation of the curb on installment selling beginning September 1.

"Distributors reported an ever-tightening delivery situation, with shortages most in evidence in appliance lines. Supplies were said to be dwindling first in lower-priced ranges, for replacement on these items was especially difficult as manufacturers used available materials in production of better-grade merchandise. . . .

"Furs continue to lead all apparel lines." Wholesale markets were active, the agency said, but commitments were limited by increasing shortages and uncertainty over deliveries.

A.W.O.L PRIVATE HAS NO REGRETS

GLASGOW, Mont., Aug. 29 (AP)—An army private who went AWOL from the Pendleton, Ore., air base to see his wife and children, and was held at Fort Peck near here today, said he had no regrets.

Albert Simonson, 27, said he asked for a furlough to see his family, the youngest of his three children having been born early this month, but was turned down.

He said he told his commanding officer he was going to leave anyway and added here, "I'd do the same thing again."

Anxiety over his wife's condition led to the unauthorized leave, Simonson said. Undersheriff Hugh Borton said he was informed Simonson enlisted here last November for three years. His wife lives with her parents at Frazier, Mont.

Man of Tomorrow



Here is another boy who wants to be an aviator when he gets a bit bigger. He is Duane Wolfrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wolfrum of 4305 Altamont drive. Duane attends Summers school and is in the fourth grade. He was born on March 17, 1932, way back in Goodland, Kas.

Duane is a boy with lots of ideas, sports and hobbies. His chief interests are airplanes, fishing, swimming and drawing. He has a hutch full of rabbits as pets but he still wants a dog to keep him company. Duane might end up being a carpenter because another hobby is building anything that has wheels or moves, such as toy boats and soapbox bugs.

VFW REFUSES TO SEAT COMMANDER

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29 (AP) The national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars voted indirectly Thursday not to seat Earl Southard, Illinois department commander who was suspended because of his activities in the Keep America Out of War committee.

The action came in the midst of hot debate over a resolution condemning the activity of organizations opposed to the nation's foreign policy. The resolution asserted it was a gag on free speech. In general, the groups who opposed the resolution favored seating of Southard.

The Southard case came before the convention when the credentials committee presented its report, showing 2842 voting delegates. Southard's name was absent.

William J. Grace of Chicago asked that the report be rejected. He argued that the action against Southard, who was suspended by National Commander Joseph C. Menendez several weeks ago, was only an effort to put a gag on him.

A voice vote was taken on acceptance of the credentials report and the chair ruled the "ayes" were in the majority.

General Gives Troops Pep Talk, Hits Critics of Army

HOPE, Ark., Aug. 29 (AP)—Lieut-General Ben Lear told his second army Thursday that no trainee should feel the current military program was without purpose and set forth a specific objective: "An army fit to fight, an army fit to meet veterans in the field and take the field away from them, and suffer the least losses."

In blunt, hard-hitting sentences, the tall, brawny commander referred to critics who, he said, "have belittled the American army," and warned his men: "We know there are agents of enemy forces and enemy powers within our country. Trying to spread dissatisfaction and suspicion, trying to bewilder us, trying to fill us full of confusion. Watch out for these activities. You may suspect some of those persons who cry on your shoulders and ask you to cry on theirs."

Describing the soldier's life in a time of emergency as one of sweat and sacrifice, General Lear fell back into the American idiom to ask: "Well, young men of the second army, can you take it?"

"I'll answer for you, from my most profound conviction: You can and if called upon on the battlefield, you will. That's what I think."

The general spoke at a crossroads a mile outside of Hope, facing a token battalion of the 27th division of New York. Field radios carried his words to the 130,000 men of his command in Woodland bivouacs throughout south Arkansas. The address was broadcast nationally.

The second army commander told his soldiers the whole effort of the army rested on the individual performance of men in the ranks.

Describing the American soldier as the best-treated, best-fed, best clothed, best-paid in the world, General Lear said: "I don't feel a bit sorry for the American soldier. I know from long experience how a soldier will growl and grumble and enjoy having an audience to hear his hard luck stories. I've done it myself, and I've listened to it for more than 40 years. It is an American trait—and as old as the army. But it is too bad so many civilians don't understand it. It is too bad too that there are those who are trying to provoke this grumbling. . . .

"Your term of service has been extended. It was a grave and thoughtful decision of the leaders of the nation, that your services are needed for a longer period, that you are named to give that much more to your country. You are not one-year patriots. Nor can we afford in this

crisis to have a one-year army. If we were at war, you would not hesitate, no matter how much you longed for home. If you held back then, the days of this republic as a proud and free nation would be numbered."

BURGLER
BEND, Aug. 29 (AP)—Burglars knocked the handle from the Central Oregon Motor company safe here Wednesday night, but failed to open the door.

Prowlers earlier in the week entered the Top Notch cafe and took merchandise of undetermined value.

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