

# SERVICE YEAR FOR U. S. YOUTH URGED BY FDR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today he hopes legislation requiring a year's government service of the nation's youth will get through congress this winter.

At a news conference, Mr. Roosevelt made no attempt to say whether such service should include girls as well as boys.

A questioner had asked about girls. In a general discussion previously, the president said the idea is for the nation's boys to give one year of service to their country.

Asked whether the training should be military in nature, Mr. Roosevelt said that depended upon what the reporter meant and asked: "Is cooking military; is carpentry military?"

The president punctured a suggestion that the year's service might be spread over several years by having the nation's youth put in a few weeks at a time. That won't work, he said.

Stressing the need for a training year, Mr. Roosevelt said the large percentage of young men turned down in the draft for physical reasons in this war is appalling.

He recalled the physical advantage gained by the youths who went through the civilian conservation corps program early in the new deal and said a universal training program would give the nation a large percentage of young people trained to defend the country in case of future wars.

Mr. Roosevelt said the act might require young people to serve one year sometime between the ages of 18 and 23 or something like that. That, he said, would make it possible for individuals to adjust their personal circumstances to their year from home.

A lot of boys need to be taught how to live with other men and that takes time, the president said when a reporter asked whether the program would be military training.

## Today On The Western Front

**U. S. 1st and 9th Armies**—Fighting shoulder-to-shoulder on the northern end of the front, deepened their wedge in the drive toward Cologne. The 9th army repelled a fierce counter-attack by German Tiger tanks.

**British 2nd Army**—Capped a three-day, 12-mile advance in Holland by capturing Wessem and Buggenum, on the Maas river.

**U. S. 3rd Army**—Closed to within a mile and a half of Metz on the north, south and west, bypassing German fortifications and was fighting in the suburbs.

**French 1st Army**—Smashed three miles toward Belfort Gap, north of the Swiss border, capturing Laire, eight miles from Belfort.

**U. S. 7th Army**—Moved toward St. Die as the Germans dynamited bridges and other installations.

**Canadian 1st Army**—Probably still in the Antwerp area, attempting to clear that port as a supply base, but not mentioned in the communique.

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## Flashes of Life

**By The Associated Press NEWS SHORTAGE**  
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 17 (AP)—Salvage collectors gathered up several neatly wrapped bundles of paper from a Chattanooga street corner.

Then the telephones began to ring in the circulation department of the News-Free Press. The bundles were afternoon newspapers dropped off delivery trucks for carriers.

The readers got extra copies.

**PON MY SOLE**  
CAMP LEE, Va., Nov. 17 (AP)—In a hurry, WAC Pvt. Dortha Deveau, of the quartermaster school here, sent her shoes out for repair.

A short time later she received a note from Cpl. R. H. Williams of the Camp Lee repair unit, saying that "We are more than glad to repair your shoes, but feel that better cooperation on your part is necessary" because "after careful study we find that it is impossible for anybody to have two left feet."

**BOTTOMS UP**  
COLLEGE STATION, Tex., Nov. 17 (AP)—When a speaker told a farm industry conference at Texas A. and M. college that Alabamians had quit fighting Johnson grass and were using its roots for chemurgic production of sugar, a Lamar county farmer said:

"I suggest that instead of too much chemurgy being used on Johnson grass that some of it be saved to make some good drinking whiskey."

**TROUT'S WEAKNESS**  
YREKA, Calif., Nov. 17 (AP)—Mrs. Dorothy Hill used her entire assortment of expensive flies but failed to catch any trout.

So she pulled a strand of bright red hair from the head of her fishing companion, Lynette Dentour, and tied it into a fly. She landed an 8 1/2 and a 10 1/2 pounder.

**NO, THANKS**  
DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 17 (AP)—A 69-year-old Iowa woman who has been receiving a monthly old-age assistance grant of \$17, has written the state board of social welfare that she doesn't need any additional money.

After the board had advised her that her grant had been increased to \$19, she wrote: "I don't want it because I don't need it. I just couldn't use any more money."

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## Santa Claus Schedules Early Visit to Nubbins

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 17 (AP)—Santa Claus' back bulged to overflowing today for a special visit to Cheyenne Sunday to the bedside of a little boy.

St. Nick is making this trip early because three-year-old Forest (Nubbins) Hoffman is so ill of an incurable bladder malady he may not live until December 25. That's why Sunday will be Nubbins' Christmas.

Nubbins' mother said the youngster has been given periodic doses of penicillin by his physician to keep down fever.

All Cheyenne is hoping for a heavy fall of snow by Saturday night.

Gifts, messages and Christmas trees continued to pour in at the home of Marshall Hoffman from all parts of a nation increasingly eager to help make this Nubbins' happiest day.

W. M. Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific railroad, said Irwin E. Crowl, Denver business man, will fly to Cheyenne Sunday to act as Santa Claus for the railroad, which is giving the ailing youngster dozens of presents, among them a pre-war model automobile obtained with considerable difficulty. The railroad also is providing a turkey with trimmings for the Sunday dinner.

Mail carriers and expressmen beat a path to the Hoffmans' door. Already laid away were three Christmas trees.

When a fourth arrived yesterday, Hoffman gave it to a small boy accompanying the deliveryman.

A small youngster knocked at the door and handed in a large ribbon-wrapped box. "Would you put this under the tree?" he asked, and vanished before the Hoffmans could learn who he was.

The Hoffmans have little hope that their child will recover. The father said an operation last month established that "it's just a matter of waiting."

They've put the thought aside for a while now. Sunday is Nubbins' Christmas—the biggest day of all.

**Hotel Operators Cancel Convention For Lack of Rooms**  
PORTLAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—Oregon hotel operators have abandoned their annual convention—because hotel rooms are scarce.

The board of directors of the Oregon State Hotel association voted to cancel the call for the annual meeting, and to use the \$2000 budget for the meeting to buy war bonds, said President Al Holcombe.

**Barracks in Need Of Laundry Workers**  
The Marine Barracks is still very much in need of laundry workers, according to Eugene Liljenquist, representative of the Civil Service commission.

He stated that both electricians and refrigeration mechanics were also needed at the Marine Barracks, as well as at the naval air station.

The employment office would like any clerical workers to file applications in anticipation of vacancies at both places. The employment office may be reached by telephoning 6176.

**Chauffeur Licenses To Expire Dec. 31**  
SALEM, Nov. 17 (AP)—Renewal of 29,000 Oregon chauffeur licenses, which expire December 31, will begin December 15, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said today.

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## POMONA GRANGE MEETS AT MALIN

Pomona grange met Saturday, November 11, at the Malin Presbyterian church with the Malin grange as host, assisted by the Merrill grange.

Pomona Master John Marshall presided over the meeting, and special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wieklander of La Grande. Wieklander is the grange state deputy, and Mrs. Wieklander is a member of the grange state juvenile committee.

M. Thomas spoke on the government power survey, and the possibility for public power in this county.

A turkey dinner was served at noon, followed by the lecturer's hour with Fred Peterson in charge.

Community singing was led by Mrs. Blake, and later the grange heard the two guest speakers, Henry Semon and C. A. Henderson. Semon suggested a contribution to the Hyslop memorial fund, as well as a \$50 war bond to be purchased by the grange for the 6th War Loan drive.

A floor drill was presented by a group of Merrill girls, and two songs were given by Winnifred Gillen.

Grange convened at 3 p. m., and nine new members were inducted into Pomona by Charles Wieklander.

A special meeting was held for masters and secretaries after the adjournment.

The next meeting will be in January at Henley with that grange as host, assisted by Midland.

## Barney Crumb Dies In Tulelake

TULELAKE—Sympathy of the Tulelake community is extended to the family of Byron "Barney" Crumb, who passed away recently, following a short illness.

Mr. Crumb had served for the past four years as police judge for the city, resigning about three weeks ago because of ill health.

With Mrs. Crum, his son, Wilbur, now serving with the U. S. army and his daughter Joyce, he came to Tulelake in 1933. In recent years he has operated an auto court. He was 64 years old at the time of his death.

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## Chinese Realizes Life-Long Dream of Becoming Citizen

PORTLAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—A 34-year-old Chinese who has dreamed of becoming a citizen since he first toddled into a first-grade classroom is probably the happiest American in this city today.

Donald K. Lee, a graduate pharmacist who had to turn to serving chow mein and chop suey in order to make a living, had a double red-letter day.

Yesterday afternoon he was naturalized in federal district court—the first Chinese civilian in this area to be granted American citizenship since repeal of the exclusion act made it possible. A few minutes later he hurried into a hospital to see his American-born Chinese wife and their newborn daughter.

Lee, who holds a master's degree from Oregon State college and has studied at two other universities, started trying to become a citizen after he was brought here from Canton at the age of three.

"I went to the teacher," he said, "and she looked up the laws. She said it was useless to look further for some way of becoming a citizen. But I never, never gave up hope."

A chance for citizenship through military service—some Chinese soldiers were naturalized before the exclusion act was repealed—fell through when Lee failed to meet physical qualifications for the army.

But today, at least, he is a citizen. To celebrate, he filled a cup of tea at the Chinese restaurant he owns. "I am a most happy man," he said.

## Speed on Contract Settlement Talked

PORTLAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—War contractor, in this area will discuss ways of speeding contract settlements at a meeting here Tuesday and will be brought up to date on regulations passed since a September conference.

Readjustment specialists of the navy, the maritime commission, the air technical service command, and the smaller war plants corporation will speak.

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## Substation Contract Awarded Malarkey

PORTLAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—A \$69,732 contract to build a substation control building and oil house near Rock Island, Wash., was awarded today by Dan J. Malarkey, Portland contractor, by Bonneville power administration.

The station, to be completed within six months, will cost with a 51-mile 230,000-volt line near Venita to deliver additional power to the Puget sound area.

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