

HOSPITAL PLAN FOR VETERANS MADE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Plans for a \$200,000,000 hospital construction program to meet all anticipated veterans' requirements were made public today by the veterans administration.

The two-year program is now before the federal board of hospitalization for approval. It calls for building 40 new hospitals and for additions to many existing institutions with an overall total bed capacity of 300,000 at the end of the 1947 fiscal year. This new program will add approximately 29,000 beds to the present capacity.

Sites tentatively selected for the hospital projects, with the bed capacity of each include: new hospitals, to be constructed during the 1946 fiscal year: general medical and surgical—southern Oregon or northern California, 125.

Additions to hospitals, to be built during the 1946 fiscal year: neuropsychiatric—Roseburg, Ore., 164.

New hospitals to be constructed during the 1947 fiscal year: general medical—Spokane, Wash., 250.

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Northwest Wheat Production Drops

SPOKANE, Aug. 21 (AP)—Wheat production in the Pacific northwest has fallen this year to 13,000,000 bushels under the 1944 harvest but farmers expect a crop 38,000,000 bushels greater than the 1934-43 average, district directors of the farm credit administration office here were told.

Dr. Orla B. Maughan, director of research for the Spokane FCA said the total wheat crop in the area, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana was expected to be 178,000,000 bushels. Production by states will be Washington 66,650,000 bushels, Idaho 31,800,000, Oregon 21,300,000 and Montana 58,400,000.

Police Find Man When Firearms Found

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—Elmer Spencer, 39, was held today on \$3500 bail on charges of stealing government property after police reported uncovering a small arsenal of firearms in his rooms.

A navy storekeeper was held for naval authorities in connection with the theft from a navy warehouse here.

Police reported finding two pistols, a rifle, three shotguns and two Thompson sub-machine guns in Spencer's home just before he started to leave town.

LUZON, P. I.—Major George W. Hillis, whose wife and children, Sylvia and William, live at 810 Eldorado, Klamath Falls, has arrived in the Philippines to serve with Major General Frederick Gilbreath's army service command. A graduate of the University of Oregon, Major Hillis is the owner of the Oregon Equipment company, Klamath Falls.

Prior to entering the army in February, 1941, he was active as a Rotarian, a member of Klamath Sheriff's posse and past potential Hilla Temple Shrine. Maj. Hillis, a reserve officer with the quartermaster corps since 1928, served 18 months in Camp Lee, Va. He began overseas duty in October, 1942.

First Lt. Joe Hillis, brother of the major, is a B-24 pilot with the army air corps in Italy.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



Belated Award



E. M. Prouty, World War I veteran, received the Purple Heart for wounds received 27 years ago.

KF MAN CITED FOR WORLD WAR I ACTION

E. M. "Pete" Prouty, 126 S. Carroll, received the Purple Heart award last week—27 years after he was wounded in combat overseas.

Prouty, who came from Denver, Colo., to Klamath Falls with his parents in 1915, enlisted here when 16 years old and served in France for 18 months as a private first class.

He was wounded in the foot in the battle of the Argonne Forest, World War I. Twenty-seven years later he received the Purple Heart.

After the war he entered the theatre business in Klamath Falls, and has continued in this line for 25 years. For the past 12 years he has worked as projection operator at the Palcan theatre.

PROMOTED

Robert Butts Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butts Sr., of Portland, formerly of Klamath Falls, was recently promoted to staff sergeant. He has flown 30 missions and has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. He also has five major battle stars.

S/Sgt. Butts has just returned to active duty in the Pacific after a rest leave in Manila. He now has 89 discharge points.

His wife, the former Hazel Gillette, and daughter, Diana, are now living in Portland.

HOSPITALIZED

MADIGEN HOSPITAL CENT. ER, Fort Lewis, Wash.—Included among Oregon men recently returned from overseas service in both the European and Asiatic-Pacific theaters of war, PFC James L. Sexton, 1814 Johnson, Klamath Falls, has been admitted as a patient at the Madigen hospital center.

TO BE REDEPLOYED

Among men in Europe waiting for redeployment to the United States are a number of Oregon men.

Included are Pvt. Leonard T. Walthers, 3955 Altamont, S/Sgt. George C. May, 223 N. 6th, and PFC Harold L. Robertson, 535 Lincoln, all of Klamath Falls.

COMPANY CLERK

PFC Joseph C. Voight, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Voight, 1636 Borden, is now stationed in Lohr, Germany, as a company clerk.

PFC Voight enlisted in the army from Eugene while he was a student at the University of Oregon. He was studying architecture. Upon entering the army he first took training at Fort Lewis, Camp Walters, Tex., Camp Massey, Tex., and then he was sent to New York. He left for overseas from Boston in September, 1944.

He has seen action in Europe with the 33rd infantry and in June he received the Purple Heart.

PROMOTED

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England—Promotion of Holger F. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Nelson, Route 1, Klamath Falls, from sergeant to staff sergeant has been announced by Brig. Gen. Jesse Auton, commanding general of the 65th fighter wing.

S/Sgt. Nelson is in the security section of the wing. He entered the army in January, 1942, and came overseas more than two years ago to serve with the 8th air force.

SEVES ON CARRIER ABOARD THE USS RUDYERD BAY—David King Bryant, seaman, 1/c USNR, 422 N. 4th, Klamath Falls, and Carl Douglas Young, seaman, 1/c, of route 2, Lakeview, served aboard this escort carrier as she topped off three major Pacific operations with her campaign at Okinawa. The "Rugged Rudy" as she is called by her crew, helped smash Jap shore installations at Okinawa and her squadron pilots shot down six enemy planes.

RETURNS HOME PFC Thomas H. Patterson, formerly of Klamath Falls, has returned to his home after 38 months in active service overseas. He was in the 401st engineers combat battalion. He enlisted in the army in 1940. His parents, former residents of Klamath Falls, now live in Portland.

TRUMAN ENDS LEND-LEASE OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Termination of lend-lease operations was announced officially at the White House today.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said letters have gone out from the foreign economic administration to most of the governments that participated in the program. The formal notices were transmitted through the various missions here. Ross said discontinuance of the program is effective as of the time of receipt of the notification by the missions.

The White House statement said President Truman ordered that all outstanding lend-lease contracts be cancelled "except where allied governments are willing to take them over or where it is in the interest of the United States to complete them."

The statement estimated uncompleted contracts for non-munitions and finished goods in this country not yet transferred to lend-lease beneficiaries total about \$2,000,000,000. Another \$1,000,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000 is tied up in lend-lease supplies in stockpiles abroad.

RESIGN FROM OPA

PORTLAND, Aug. 21 (AP)—Two of Portland district OPA executives have resigned to return to private business. George L. Curry will return to the Electrical Distribution company, and Ed H. Shea returns to the Royal Spring Canyon Standard Utah Mines sales offices here.

COMMENDED

ABOARD THE USS SAN DIEGO IN THE PACIFIC—Harold O. Lacy, 29, F1/c, USNR, 320 Michigan, Klamath Falls, and the other members of the engineering department of this ship have been commended by their commanding officer for efficiency and devotion to duty.

The commendation was made for participation in emergency repairs at sea. The engineering personnel worked around the clock in temperatures as high as 135 degrees to make repairs enabling the ship to enter operations in enemy waters.

Nisei Troops Cited For Bravery In European War

SEATTLE, Aug. 21 (AP)—A plea to the American people to "keep faith" with loyal Japanese-American soldiers who fought on the battlefields of Italy and France has been voiced by Capt. Thomas E. Crowley, commander of a company of Nisei soldiers which became one of the most decorated units in the history of the United States Army.

"Their heroism became a habit," said Captain Crowley of the men of his 442nd battalion, "but they are quite disheartened because their families are sometimes not received well at home."

"They thought they were fighting for the principles of equality and justice at home as well as abroad," he said. "I did not see any difference in the color of the blood of those Japanese-American soldiers and the other soldiers as it flowed and mixed on the battlefields. And the blood flowed, too, because out of a combat team of 5000, there were 3000 casualties."

"Their hardest fight of the entire war," he continued, "came in France. They rescued the lost Texas battalion in the Vosges mountains. The 141st infantry was completely cut off and surrounded, and the Nisei men were assigned to get them out."

"They did get them out. They fought magnificently. And when the figures were added up, there were three casualties among these Japanese-American boys for every soldier rescued. 'I want everyone to know that the Japanese-Americans formed the finest combat unit in the army,' he declared. 'I hope the American people will keep faith with them.'"

Egg Demand Falls As Meat Increases

CHICAGO, Aug. 21 (AP)—Egg futures broke from 1.55 to 1.65 cents on the mercantile exchange today, influenced by international developments, the government cold storage report, and suspension of army set-aside orders for them.

Suspension of the army meat set-aside orders indicated greater supplies for domestic and foreign use, trade sources said. If meat

supplies increase, demand for eggs will fall considerably, traders believe.

PAINTING CEILING

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP) OPA today clamped ceiling prices on hourly charges for painting, papering and plumbing in Portland and Vancouver, Wash., and outside areas. Per hour painting and papering ceilings for outside points will be \$2.25; plumbing, \$2.50. Plumbers' helpers may charge \$2 per hour.

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