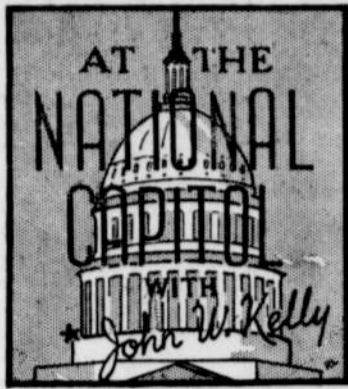


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Washington, D. C., July 9—There is concern over whether the boys of the national guard of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana which constitute the 41st division under Maj. Gen. George A. White of Salem, and the several thousand draftees from those states who are undergoing one year of military training, will be released when the year is up. If Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has his way these boys will be retained not only for the duration of the emergency but they will be made available to be sent on expeditions outside the western hemisphere.

This is one question which the congress will have to settle. The battle line is now being formed; the war department on one side and the congressmen who believe a promise is a promise, and that the government promised to release the selectees and return the guardsmen from federal service when their year is up.

In every sizeable community in Oregon there is a company of the national guard. The local people took pride and interest in the outfits, for the young guardsmen were active. Many, the officers especially, wanted to be mobilized, so last autumn they were mustered into federal service for 12 months of camp life. It was planned to put some of the draftees under the guardsmen, who would act as teachers, and after one year the draftees would be permitted to serve the remainder of their enlistment while the guardsmen went home. Apparently it will not work out like that.

## Different Idea Held

Believing that they would be required for one year, officers and men gave up their jobs in civil life or took a leave of absence. At any rate, they surrendered whatever position they held, intending to return in due course. The high command of the army, however, has a different idea and for several months has been mulling it over. The brass hats do not wish to lose the 280,000 guardsmen if they can help it, and they wish to keep the best of the draftees.

Their argument is that the guardsmen and the trainees cannot be given a thorough familiarity with mechanized instruments of war in a few brief months and that thus far production of these war machines has gone principally to the British, leaving very few weapons for training. Next year, they say, production will be such that in addition to providing for the British there will be enough weapons for the American troops and then real training can be attained. Further, they assert, with constant infiltration of new draftees every few months and the discharge of others who have served one year, the armed force will be in constant agitation and the only real backbone of the army will be the regulars, who enlist for several years.

## Radio Locator Planned

War department is preparing to place a radio locator station on the coast of either Oregon or Washington; two in California and another in Alaska. The "locator" is something like the one the British are turning out, but the signal corps takes credit for the American invention. It is on the principle of the short wave radio used on ships to determine depth of the water. It sends out a short wave which picks up an enemy in the sky and the rebound shows the altitude, direction and speed. This information would be relayed to the Columbia-Portland airport and interceptor planes would take the air and set forth for the kill. It is all a matter of minutes, with the bomber coming at 200 to 300 mph and the interceptor heading for the

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## History of Old Building Told by Mrs. Ben Cline

Mrs. Ben Cline was interviewed this week on data concerning the building formerly occupied by the Bafford Plumbing shop and recently sold by the City Council for \$10. The building will be torn down.

The structure located on Second street between Bridge and Maple streets was erected in 1922 before completion of the railroad, by W. M. Tipton, uncle of Mrs. Cline. Tipton's Cash Grocery, the sign of which is still visible on the front, occupied the building for a year when a Mrs. Newman bought the place to open a small bakery.

In 1923 the property was sold to a Mr. Diapold who also operated a bake shop until 1925 when Fred Brewer bought the shop and set up his own bakery.

## Bakery Moved

When, in 1927, Fred Brewer moved the Vernonia Bakery to the building where it is now located on Bridge street, the Ben Clines bought the older structure to use as a work shop adjacent to their used and new furniture store.

The Clines moved to Bridge street in 1930 and the Bafford Plumbing shop occupied the building until several weeks ago. Since 1930 the property was relinquished for taxes.

## 150 Sign Civil Reserve Blanks

The number of signers for the Oregon Civil Reserves totaled 150 Monday evening, J. W. Nichols, Vernonia chairman, stated Tuesday morning. The 150th signer was Mayor E. M. Bollinger who had not had the opportunity to sign before that time.

Members of the Vernonia committee met Monday evening to arrange for the placing of blanks in several places of business about town for those who have not already signed. Although a concentrated drive for signers was made last week, anyone who has not yet filled out one of the blanks may do so any time, Nichols stated.

Blanks for both men and women are available at the following places: city hall, bank building, The Vernonia Eagle, Oregon Gas and Electric company office, Kullander's Jewelry Store and at the home of Harry Culbertson.

## Scouts to Get Charter Soon

According to information released this week by Ira Baucom, Vernonia Scoutmaster, a charter for the local troop will be received in latter part of this month. Fourteen scouts have registered at this time and 40 others have signed to become members.

Those who have registered are: Bobby Raymer, Dale Grenia, Verlin Crume, James Moeller, Duke Byers, Frank Aspinall, Robert Bramblett, Pete Shipman, Harold Fowler, Alfred Goertzen, Bobby New, John Plymale, Max Millis and Jimmy Frazee.

Ed Frazee is acting as assistant scoutmaster in the work.

## Stop Signs Placed

The latter part of last week saw the completion of the erection of stop signs on the main arteries in Vernonia. The State Highway crew installed 21 new signs, the city fell heir to 13 discarded signs and with the purchase of 5 new ones placed 18. Thus a total of 39 new stop signs are now placed at the needed intersections.

## See Coulee Dam

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Baucom and children and Mrs. A. M. Fox, mother of Mrs. Baucom, left a week ago Saturday for a week's vacation. They drove first to Puget Sound and then to Coulee Dam before returning to visit relatives at Centralia, Aberdeen and Longview.

## July First Is Official Opening

The forest fire season opened officially on July first according to F. H. Brunage, associate regional forester, U. S. department of agriculture, forest service, Portland, Oregon. Severe burning conditions may come a little earlier or later than that date, but it is the usual time for putting fire prevention precautions into effect.

## Regulations Familiar

"The regulations now in force are the familiar ones that have been found by experience to be practical and effective", Brunage said. "On national forest lands a campfire permit is required for building a campfire on grounds not posted and improved as campgrounds. Throwing away lighted material is prohibited; that includes fire works and cigarettes. On camping trips with autos or pack animals, an axe, shovel, and water container should be taken along—these will be needed anyhow. Smoking while traveling on forest roads or through the woods is bad judgment and restricted. If anyone wants to smoke, he should stop in a safe place and stay there until his cigarette is out."

## Some Areas Closed

"Some areas on the national forests have been closed to entry on account of special fire hazard", Brunage said. "Others will be closed as the season advances. All these areas will be posted. Prospective visitors to the national forests might to advantage ask the nearest forest officer if any closures have been made that will affect their plans."

"Protection agencies are dependent upon the traveling public for assistance in keeping the forests green. The fine cooperation record in the past is much appreciated", Brunage said.

## "Keep Green" Drive Continues

First report of results of the Keep Oregon Green Association's campaign for members is most encouraging, according to John B. Woods, executive secretary of the movement to keep forest fires out of Oregon.

Membership enrollment stations have been established in nearly all communities of the state and citizens generally are showing an interest in lending their full support to the campaign, which has for its slogan, "Forest Defense is National Defense."

Due to the interruption caused by the Fourth of July holiday, the intensive phase of membership enrollment is being continued this week. Stations in most communities will continue to receive memberships and issue the official Keep Oregon Green pins until further notice.

## Council Holds Short Meeting

Members of the city council met Monday evening to dispose of bills received at the first of the month and to sell several parcels of property. The meeting was quite short when compared with other recent meetings that have been held.

The building formerly occupied by the Bafford Plumbing Shop was sold for \$10 and will be wrecked. Three lots in the Ferndale Addition were sold to R. A. Yeoman. Discussion was held on the purchase of a water pump for use at the city dump during the fire season but no official action was taken on the matter.

## In British Columbia

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Strong spent their vacation last week visiting in Vancouver, British Columbia. They returned Sunday.

## Field Lights Turned on Monday Eve.

Adjustments to Be Made Yet; Visibility for Night Ball Considered Good

After a period of about three months spent in raising necessary funds, ordering material and installing that material, lights for the city park field were turned on Monday evening for the first time. Lights for the field mark a big improvement in the staging of athletic events in Vernonia in that many people will be afforded the opportunity to witness games which otherwise could not be seen.

An opinion expressed by many was that high school football would benefit materially this year and in coming years due to a much larger attendance.

Immediate benefit from the lights will be derived by the softball league when its schedule begins next week.

The work of adjusting the lights must yet be done, it was stated; because that work could not be completed until the units were in place and had been turned on. When adjusting is completed much greater efficiency will be obtained.

## Tidewater Timber Company Closes

The Tidewater Timber Company, one of the largest logging operators in Clatsop county since 1923, has cut its last acre of timber in that county and is closing its operations for good. The company has taken out 850,000,000 feet of fir, spruce, hemlock and cedar since it started in that area. Most of the area logged lay on the Nehalem-Columbia watershed between Astoria and Jewell. A crew varying from 100 to 250 men was employed during most of the years that the company operated.

The closing of the Tidewater Timber Company leaves only two railroad logging outfits in Clatsop county. These are the Crossett-Western Company, on Big Creek in the eastern part of the county and the Crown-Zellerbach Company, on the Lewis and Clark river and near Seaside.

The logs cut by the Tidewater organization were hauled by railroad from the Nehalem valley to Youngs river near Olney. The railroad will continue to operate in order to serve truck loggers who haul to the railway from Nehalem valley points near Jewell.

## Sam to Hold Demonstration

Sam Hearing announces that Miss Dorothy Libel, representative of the Best Foods Home Economics department will be in his store all day Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, to demonstrate Nucoa Margarine and the associated Best Foods line. Miss Libel will be equipped with new recipes and suggestions as to the use of this modern margarine in all forms of cooking and baking. Also a free menu planner booklet will be available without obligation to all those interested.

Sam's store extends a cordial invitation to the general public to sample this popular product during the course of the demonstration.

## Greene Promoted

The U. S. Engineers with the approval of the Secretary of War announced the promotion of Lytle E. Greene to Engineer Aide, effective June 1. Mr. Greene will be assistant to Captain R. F. Cole, Area Engineer of Southern Oregon Coast and Harbors. The promotion is due to two years service with the Engineers and a rating of 92 per cent attained in a competitive civil service examination.

## No Casualties Told Here

Vernonia people were evidently quite fortunate during the Fourth of July week-end in that no casualties were reported of people living in this vicinity.

Mention was made by a number of individuals that this locality could consider itself lucky when compared with other communities where one or more injuries or deaths were reported.

## Defense Councils to Collect Aluminum

Oregon's contribution to National civilian defense has begun with the enrollment of volunteers to serve in the civil reserves in each county in the state, following organization of county defense councils this past month, Jergold Owen, State Civilian Defense Coordinator, said today. Most of the enrollment drives will be concluded by the middle of July.

## Chairmen Appointed

One of the first appointments requested of the local defense councils following their organization is that of the chairmen to be in charge of the aircraft warning service, with whom United States army officials may establish contact. Several thousand volunteers will be required to man observation posts throughout the state. A post will be established in each six square miles and on duty at each of these posts will be 16 observers to be given intensive training by the army. Location of the posts and selection of the personnel from the Civil Reserves list will be the responsibility of the man selected by the defense council as County chairman of the aircraft warning service.

Observation posts will report to filter centers at Eugene, Roseburg and Portland and at the latter city, information centers will transmit essential data to anti-aircraft defense units and squadrons of fighter planes.

## Aluminum Drive Objective

Another immediate objective of the county defense councils is the organization of drives for the collection of scrap aluminum, declared Owen. This is in response to an appeal from Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, National Director of Civilian Defense, who has fixed July 21 as the opening date of a national campaign which is expected to salvage enough aluminum to build two thousand airplanes.

Owen suggests that county defense councils select a veteran group or civic organization to head and organize the campaign in each county, utilizing Boy and Girl Scouts and 4-H Clubs for the actual work of collection.

## First Aid Class To Start July 15

Instruction in first aid will begin the evening of July 15th, it was stated this week, at the Legion Hall for a number of those people who signed with the Oregon Civil Reserves.

All arrangements for the classes have been made and Noble Dutton will act as instructor. Those who complete the schedule of work which begins the 15th will later serve as instructors for other classes which will be started.

## President Calls For Meeting

Dr. U. J. Bittner, president of the chamber of commerce, announced a meeting of the club on next Tuesday, July 15. The meeting will be held at the Terminal Cafe during the noon hour, he stated.

It is probable that a report of the roads and highways committee will be heard at that time.

## Damage Suit Filed on Kanda Death

\$10,000 Asked by Administrator of Estate of Japanese

(St. Helens Sentinel-Mist)

Death of June H. Kanda, 57, Westport Japanese, April 7, under the wheels of a car driven by Middleton T. Crawford, 16, of Vernonia resulted in a damage action for \$10,000 filed this week with the county clerk against the boy and his father, T. M. Crawford, Vernonia car dealer. Plaintiff in the case is Clarence E. Oliver, who was named administrator of Mr. Kanda's estate June 16 by the county court.

## Complaint Charges Return

The complaint makes the allegation that the Crawford youth returned to the scene of the accident after the car he was driving struck the Japanese and rolled Mr. Kanda's body into the ditch without rendering any aid. Although the boy admitted to police that his car struck the Westport man, this is the first time that it has been alleged he returned to the scene of the accident.

Among other allegations the complaint maintains that the Vernonia youth was traveling at a "high, dangerous and terrific rate of speed," that he was guilty of gross negligence and failure to yield the right of way. The boy's father is charged with being careless and reckless in allowing use of the machine to his son.

## Hit-and-Run Charge

The Crawford boy was arrested by state police several hours after the accident following disclosure by his father that the family car had figured in a crash. Under questioning he admitted that the machine had struck the Japanese, but said he became panic-stricken and drove home without going back. The boy later appeared before County Judge Ray Tarbell on a charge of hit-and-run driving, was given a six month suspended sentence in the state training school and it was recommended that his driver's license be suspended for a year.

The youth was put on probation to State Patrolman Rollie Wheeler of Vernonia, who investigated the case.

## Catch Card Use Urged

Another appeal to anglers to utilize catch report cards and send in data on every fishing trip is being made by the Oregon State Game Commission.

Charles A. Lockwood, assistant supervisor in charge of lake and stream survey and fish liberation, reports that 1941 returns of report cards is far in excess of last year, but even so, many fishermen are not using the cards.

Mr. Lockwood explains that the material sent in on the cards by fishermen is of inestimable value in connection with the survey reports of four crews now in the field. The cards may be obtained in any sporting goods store or from the Game Commission's office in Portland, require no signature and are postpaid.

## Matinee to Be Saturday Feature

A Saturday afternoon matinee for children from 1:30 to 5 o'clock will be a coming feature of the Browning Amusement company this week, it was stated. All rides and side shows and a free act at 1:30 will be included and in the evening there will be an added attraction.

The carnival is sponsored here by the city park board and the show is located at the city park.