

### At The National Capital

By John W. Kelly  
Washington, D.C., May-- Camp Adair the new cantonment under construction in the Corvallis-Albany-Monmouth area, is far from satisfactory to 100 or more farmers whose lands are being taken by the war department. The farmers, who have been holding meetings and sending complaints to the national capital, explain that they are for anything that will win the war, but they protest at the way they are being treated by the war department. From these petitions it appears that the farmers are not being told what appraisal is made on their farms and that they are (or some of them) ordered to leave their land in a few days' notice, or immediately.

Many of the farms are in the finest farming section of Willamette valley and have been in cultivation almost a century. Farmers think they should know what the government intends paying and when. Inasmuch as they must seek homes elsewhere in strange surroundings, they must have money to purchase a place, or at least make a down payment. Those who have cattle or sheep say they cannot pull up stakes and move away without sufficient time to make arrangements for their livestock. War department simply says the land is needed for the cantonment that money will be paid in due time, but they refuse to promise any extended notice of when the land must be surrendered.

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anized. Cavalry is needed in the Oregon coast range, on cut-over timberlands and in the forests. Horses can maneuver in that country with greater expedition than tanks and trucks; they can go where it would be impossible for the machines to operate. From Curry to Clatsop counties detachments of horse cavalry will be spread supplementing existing forces.

Gold Beach, at the mouth of Rogue river, has asked for an army air base but for the present, at least, nothing will be done.

War production board is interested in the lime deposits of Wallawa and Baker counties (lime plays an important part in a number of materials needed for war). There is talk of locating a war industry in Grant county adjacent to the chromite deposits in the John Day country, and transporting lime to the site. Nothing definite as to this, but it is in the conversation stage.

If the powder plant discussed by the war department is located in the northwest it may be in the vicinity of Ontario or the Snake river, near Lewiston. There are only a few places where sufficient water is available, say the army men, and the best of all is at The Dalles. However, they add, The Dalles is too close to the ocean and the policy is to push all new industries inland at least 200 miles, if possible. No power plant will be built, however, unless WPB decides that existing plants are insufficient. One story is that the plants now operating have capacity to provide all the propellants required for a global war.

For several years growers of bent grass in Clatsop county have been urging an appropriation which would permit department of agriculture scientists to study grasses to determine which are best for certain localities. Always the request has been kicked out the window because bent grass is used on golf courses and was regarded as recreational. In the new appropriation a substantial sum is allowed for grass experimentation as a war measure. New diversion air fields require a grass that will stand up where runways are not paved. Bent grass will hold the soil from blowing and afford a cushion for landing planes. As airfields are scattered all over Oregon, different grasses are required, and to find out which is best for each climate the experiments will be made.

### NEWELL HEIGHTS

Help is very scarce in the beet fields. Some women and children are working but farmers who have large acreages and no regular workers from year to year are getting quite anxious.

Jess Sugg finished assembling a new hay derrick, a labor saver for the hay farmer.

Mrs Leslie young returned home Friday from a month's visit with

relatives and friends in Nebraska, having been called there because of the death of her father. During her absence Mr. Young began remodeling their house adding a porch and installing bath room fixtures.

Not so many building improvements have been added to this small section of the new project as in some others. However, new machinery, new tractors and other farm equipment have been purchased.

Mr and Mrs Mike Wood and sons of Payette were Sunday guests in the Earl Parker home.

Bill Kurtz and Walter McPartland left Saturday morning for Pendleton and other defense projects sites, seeking employment.

Mr and Mrs William Gohley, Frank Smart and Mrs Carrie McLaughlin were dinner guests Mother's day at the M. L. Kurtz home. Frank Smart is a cousin, having recently returned from Johnston Island, where he spent a year on defense work. He expects to go to Alaska at the end of a month.

Maurice Judd, Dud Kurtz and Mrs M. L. Kurtz attended a young Saturday night. The group met peoples Sunday school class party at the E. Points home and hiked down the Snake river for a marsh-mallow roast.

Mr and Mrs Jake Borge announce the arrival of a daughter May, 13 at the Nyssa Nursing home with Mrs Earl Parker caring for them.

Several men of the church are adding some much-needed additions at the Adrian parsonage prior to the arrival from New Kingston, New York of a permanent minister, Rev. N. C. Nevin his wife and eight year old daughter.

Water has been piped to the house and the second hand bath room fixtures are installed.

Mr and Mrs Patch have planted the early vegetables in a garden for them. Now the ladies and young folks are working to finance the piping of irrigation water to the lot so the men and boys can plant lawn.

Silas, James and Sam Shaw of the Kolony are working in the Frank Ray beet fields along with some Newell Heights men and women and children.

The Mary and Martha club held its regular May meeting at the Kurtz home. Mrs Earl Parker lead the devotional. Her subject was "Return to Family Worship." Mrs W. Piercy told of the mission work among the negroes. As a girl Mrs Piercy attended one of the mission schools in Kentucky so could paint an interesting picture of the work being done in these schools by churches in the South.

The business meeting consisted of making plans for the young people's C. E. convention in June, at which time young folks are to be hosts to the five churches. Silas Shaw of the Kolony heard Corporal Bob Kurtz broad cast a Mother's day greeting to his mother Sunday, May 10 from Camp Cooke.

### SHEAVILLE

After considerable delay due to stormy weather, the shearing at Rodeo corrals and Hooker creek was finished last week.

F. O. Haylett and son V. W. Haylett, of Spokane, spent last week at the D. H. Haylett home. F. O. Haylett is an elder brother of D. H. Haylette.

Mr and Mrs Daniel Haylett, Jr., and family of Homedale were Sunday guests at the Haylett home. Mrs L. R. Stanford and Mrs Omer Stanford and little daughter spent Mother's day with their mother, Mrs Detrick, at Caldwell.

The Ralph Munn family of Jordan Valley have moved to the Purser ranch. Mr Munn is highway foreman.

H. E. Baltazor of Nampa was a business visitor in the community last week. Mrs Beale Stults is visiting

her son, D. C. Stults, at the Dr. Broadhurst ranch.

The ranchers who use the Norge highway are repairing the road. They are building culverts and graveling the worst places at their own expense.

Mrs Joe Simpson has gone to Caldwell to visit her grandmother, Mrs Barsley.

Mr and Mrs Jesse Sirode and little daughters returned to their home on Mahogany after staying in Boise for several months.

A great many gas transport trucks are now hauling direct by from California over the I. O. N., which is so bad every time it rains that they have to employ a tractor to pull them back on the road. There are about 20 gas trucks besides the ore trucks and produce trucks on the road continuously.

Mr and Mrs Jess Yturrape and Mrs D. H. Haylette were Homedale visitors Tuesday.

Two former Sheaville girls were married last week. Miss Faye Cobleskey and Loanard Hansen of Melba were married May 10 at Cald-

well. Miss Marie Carter, youngest daughter of V. A. Carter, was married in Boise to Mr Turns of California.

Mrs C. F. Falen visited at the Haylett home Sunday.

Fred Haylett and Mrs D. H. Haylett were business visitors in Nampa Friday.

Fred Haylett left Wednesday on a business trip to Portland.

The I. O. N. Grange will entertain the South Malheur Pomona Grange at the Grange hall at Sheaville June 6.

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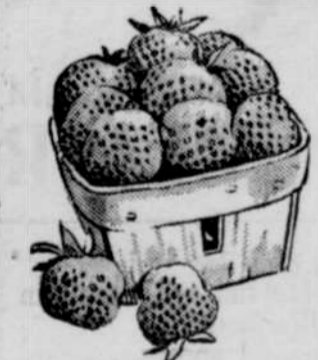
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