Tacoma National Guardsmen Enjoy Life at Fort Worden

Many of Them Return Home Week-Ends; Recreation at Post for Those Who Stay

Corporal Louis Errigo, one of the several hundred Tacoma National Guardsmen stationed at Fort Worden, came home for Thanksgiving dinner and took a brief time out to describe how Tacoma men spend their lives these days as soldiers.

Although there are some 25,000 soldiers stationed at Camp Murray, Fort Lewis and McChord field, only a scant number of them hail from Tacoma. Most local national guard members were hustled off to Fort Worden.

"It's a good place," Errigo reports. "Wonderful country up there. Beautiful country. And we like it fine."

Errigo was recently promoted to corporal—a boost that carried a $9 raise in pay. His monthly check now totals $54, which is not bad. But it's not good either, considering that Errigo, a full-fledged shoemaker, had to quit a job that paid him well over $100 a month. He worked for Pentimonti's shoe repair shop on Commerce at. near 11th.

Errigo accepted the change philosophically, however, and he's enjoying life in the army. He's a member of Battery F, 248th Coast Artillery (Harbor Defense) Regiment. His is a machine gun unit.

"Life up there now is pretty much routine," Errigo reports. "But the first five weeks we spent most of our time on rookie drilling. Now we spend many hours on machine gun drill every day, with an hour or so off for recreation. Every Wednesday morning we take a long hike, with full packs and all equipment. But fast. We walk at a four-mile-an-hour pace. And that's fast with a pack on."

Time for Recreation

The men at Fort Worden have plenty of time off, including Saturday and Sunday, most of them coming home to Tacoma on those days. It's a 130-mile trip by auto, Wednesday afternoons, also, they are free, but that's the day of the morning hike and they don't do much of anything except think about the hike, according to Errigo.

Errigo says the regular army men stationed there didn't have much use for the guardsmen at first.

"Look, girls, the national guard is here! Whoops, my dea!" All sorts of things were said.

"But we get along all right now," Errigo grinned. "They found out we could do everything just as well as they did. Get along fine now."

Have Dances, Too

There's plenty of amusement for the soldiers. "There's a bowling alley, a movie and, of course, a non-com officers' club. Every week, there's a dance for non-coms and every two weeks there's a dance for everybody.

"Plenty of girls. They send two large trucks to Port Townsend, two miles away, which come back full of girls and then take the girls back home after the jig is over."

Windows Opened

The huge 12-inch guns at the fort fascinate Errigo. He says he never had heard so much noise as when one of those guns are fired. All the windows in houses for miles around are opened on days announced for gunfire, Errigo said. Otherwise most of them would be broken by the concussion.

"Those guns are really something," Errigo explained, somewhat at a loss for words. "Really something."

Asked about the food the Tacoma boys were getting, Errigo grew expansive. "It's good," he said. "And we're all putting on weight."

Reported Auto Found in Ditch

Sidney Lee Curtis, 38-year-old Olympia carpenter, found Wednesday evening sitting in his ditched car near Ponders Station, was held in the Pierce county jail Thursday for investigation.

State Patrolman Mike Wayno said he drove down the highway in pursuit of Curtis' car after getting a report it was weaving dangerously. The officer didn't see Curtis driving, so filed no charge when he booked him.

Americas Must Join Hands to Combat Perils

BUENOS AIRES—President Robert M. Oritz appealed today for a broad program of co-operation among American nations to combat subversive doctrines and "to establish their defense against foreign perils."

The Argentine president is recovering from an illness which five months ago forced him to delegate executive duties to Vice President Ramon S. Castillo.

Ortiz said he did not regard as imminent a threat of "physical occupation" of any part of the South American continent, but that the chief peril was in the "ideas of dissolution" spreading through various countries. He asserted that a "community of ideas" was not enough and was only a complement to a program of action or "technical cooperation."

Retired Regular Officers Wanted

A recent announcement made at McChord field, asking for retired officers to return to active duty, has caused all sorts of confusion, it was revealed Wednesday by Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, field commandant.

Many applications have been received, but all from retired reserve officers and temporarily commissioned officers of the World war. Gen. Wash said only retired officers from the regular army were wanted by the GHQ air force and, further, all applications should be made direct to the Ninth Corps Area, San Francisco.

No men who retired holding rank above a lieutenant colonel will be considered, Gen. Wash said, and those who had not attained a rank beyond major will be preferred.

High School PTA Picks President

GIG HARBOR—G. B. Parks of Midway has been elected president of the High School P.-T. A. to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. M. L. Carlson. Mrs. Carlson is moving from her home at Cromwell to Tacoma. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Carlson for her services as president for nearly two years and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The Tuesday Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. F. B. Treutle, with Mrs. M. M. Pike entertaining. Honors went to Mrs. A. Richardson, A. S. Monzingo and Mrs. G. Ford. Mrs. Jessie Staser took the cut prize.

Install Stoves

Two new electric stoves are being installed in the home economics department of the Gig Harbor high school in place of the large wood range.

Two thirds of the Lutheran missions are robbed of home support by the war and their cause will be presented at the churches of the Peninsula Lutheran parish on Sunday at the following times: Cromwell, 9:30 a. m.; Gig Harbor, 11 a. m.; Wollochet, 7 p. m., and Olalla, 8 p. m.

Mrs. C. C. Hanson of St. Albans, Maine, arrived by plane last week to be a guest for the winter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. D. Parkman of Purdy.

The Amateur Garden club will meet at the clubhouse on Tuesday for 12:30 dessert luncheon with Mrs. Clarice Skansie as hostess. The regular meeting will follow, with a study hour under direction of Mrs. Olive Skansie.

Attend Party

Mrs. Ben Pearson and son, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cole, Mrs. Phil Pearson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pearson and sons, all of Warren, attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pearson, at Tacoma, on Sunday afternoon.

Prize winners at the card party sponsored by the Burley Hall association were: Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Moore; pinochle, Mrs. Osterholm and Ed. Lund.

LeRoy Ravn of Burley, who is with the CCC, is now stationed at Quilcene and will be spending week-ends at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Morgan of Burley spent the week-end with Mrs. Morgan's parents in Seattle. Mrs. Mary Corpron is also visiting relatives in Seattle.

Seattle Girl Bride Of McChord Soldier

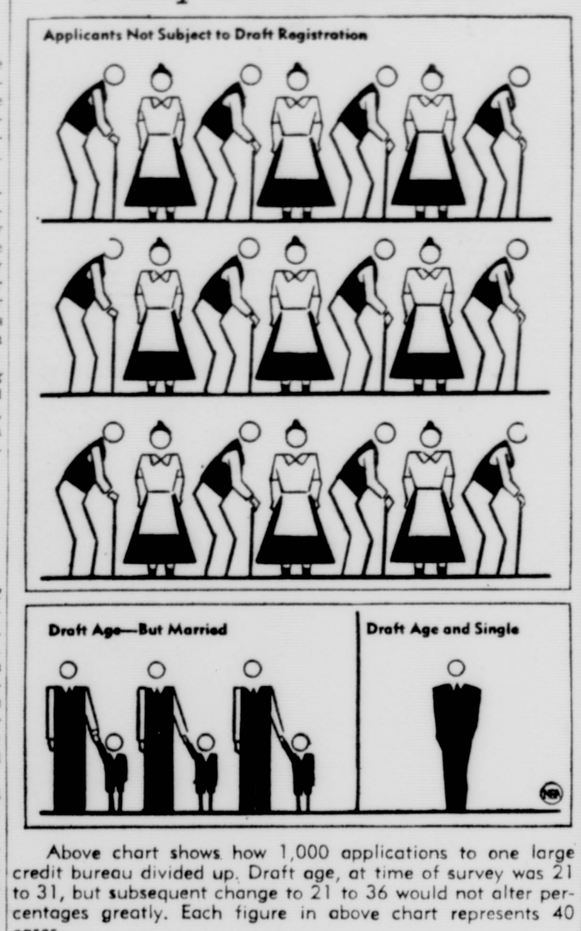
SEATTLE—In the beautiful setting of the bride's home here Staff Sergeant Eugene O. Hurt was married to Miss Charlotte McFarland Sunday night. Capt. T. S. Cordill, McChord Field chaplain, read the ceremony.

The bride was dressed in formal gown of white, carried a Bible and an orchid. Her sister, Miss Jean McFarland, was bridesmaid. Edward H. Guptill served at best man.

Astronomer Is Dead

FLORENCE, Italy — Guido Alfani, famous Italian astronomer and head of the Florence observatory, died late Wednesday.

Study Effects of Draft



Above chart shows how 1,000 applications to one large credit bureau divided up. Draft age, at time of survey was 21 to 31, but subsequent change to 21 to 36 would not alter percentages greatly. Each figure in above chart represents 40 cases.

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Retailers Here Will Benefit Due To Proximity of 3 Army Stations

The economic aspects of military conscription have presented new questions to retail merchants, loan companies and banks—and the answers will mean the difference between slump and boom for the mercantile world.

According to statistics, both national and local, the answers look like they're going to be on the boom side of business' legers.

Most of the 17 million young men of draft age are active members of the buying class upon which successful domestic economics depend; there are approximately 20,000 of them in Pierce county alone.

Tacoma retailers, however, are particularly fortunate due to their proximity to the rapidly expanding military encampments at Fort Lewis, McChord Field and Camp Murray, providing influx of trade amply counter-balancing the other factors.

At first glance, the picture didn't look too good to the merchants, in prospect of losing that important market. But now it seems likely only one in 20 will be taken for military duty before the middle of next year.

In addition, a survey of all buyers shows that 84 per cent of retail credit purchasers are outside the draft age; 12 per cent within the draft age are eligible for exemptions; and only about four per cent are actually liable to be removed from the buying market.

Meanwhile, payrolls and employment are substantially higher than a year ago; national retail sales are from two to 20 per cent greater in various sections of the nation. Federal experts confidently predict a gain of 10 per cent in retail volume to be averaged throughout this winter, despite possible loss to the market of draftees, representing four per cent of their customers.

People in The News

Archibald MacLeish, librarian of congress and poet, told a Council for Democracy meeting at Boston that democracy is more imperiled by saboteurs of the mind than by sabotage of its material possessions. He said the strategy of democracy's enemies was to produce confusion in the meaning of words. "When men say that democracy is dead . . . they mean by democracy a kind of ease, a way of doing business, an opportunity for pleasure and power," he said. "But this is not the real meaning of democracy . . . democracy is a single man's belief in unity of mind and spirit and a willingness to sacrifice worldly material goods for that unity."

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and **The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin** were termed by **Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes** as "tools of Nazi propagandists" in a speech at Camden, N. J. He said the Nazis in Los Angeles two months ago offered their nomination for U. S. president to Lindbergh, and asserted that Father Coughlin "gets his propaganda from German sources." Ickes earlier referred to Lindbergh and Father Coughlin, and **Merwin K. Hart**, president of the New York state economic council, as "native-born Fascists." Hart replied today that if that was true "Ickes is a proberbial Chinaman." "In the past five years any one who has fallen for the collectivist philosophy has called every one who differed from him a Fascist," Hart said.

Betty Grable, arriving at Hollywood from New York, denied she was planning another marriage simply because her divorce from Jackie Coogan has been made final. She said **Victor Mature**, who followed her to Chicago and New York, was "only a good friend."

Vice Premier Pierre Laval's newspaper Moniteur said at Vichy that there was some possibility that **Gen. John J. Pershing** might replace **William C. Bullitt** as U. S. ambassador to France. The paper said "Pershing's task would be facilitated by the personal friendship that has bound him to **Marshal Henri Petain** for 22 years."

Col. Vernon Willey, Lord Barnby, a prominent British industrialist and member of Britain's central electricity board which controls England's wartime output of power, and the former **Banning Grange** were married at Bryn Mawr, Pa. The couple will go to Nassau, Bahamas, leaving there by clipper for Lisbon and London.

Youths Deny Desert Slaying Of Father

SHOSHONE, Ida.—Three youths appeared in district court late Wednesday and said they were not guilty of the desert torture slaying of their father, Charles Sanders.

It was the first time Mrs. Florence Phillips, 18, and her brothers, George, 16, and Joseph, 20, appeared to answer charges they tied and abandoned Sanders to die of thirst and hunger in the desert north of here.

Judge D. H. Sutphen tentatively set the date of trial for Jan. 27 after Defense Counsel Paul S. Haddock requested additional time to prepare his case.

Double Anniversary Dance on Saturday

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Vasicek of Fort Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. William Vasicek of Tacoma, will celebrate a double anniversary, at a dance given in their honor at the Czech hall on the Airport road, Saturday, Nov. 23. The dance is free, and everybody is welcome.

Largest Glaciers Found in State

On the slopes of the big volcanoes, Rainier, Adams, Glacier and Baker, the state of Washington possesses the largest existing glaciers in the mainland of the United States. Mount Rainier is recognized as having in its 28 glaciers, that cover 40 square miles, the most extensive single peak glacier system in the 48 states. However, only small remnants of the once extensive valley glaciers are found today in the Cascades. Measurements on six glaciers on all sides of Mount Rainier show an average recession since 1920 of from 22.1 feet to 70.4 feet each year in the position of the ice front. The Nisqually glacier has receded an average of 44.3 feet per year from 1857 to 1937.

The towering volcanic peaks of the Cascades in Washington State are generally thought of as being extinct. However, Fremont reported both Mount Baker and Mount Saint Helens as in eruption in 1843, and Mount Baker also was active in 1854, 1856 and 1870. Presence of hot springs, steam vents, solfataras, and lava flows and deposits so recent that erosion has been negligible, indicate that another eruption could conceivably occur from one of the peaks of the Cascades. It is extremely unlikely, however, that any such eruption would be powerful enough to be dangerous or damaging.

Improved Status Noted on Holiday

NEW YORK — Turkey graced more tables Thursday than at any Thanksgiving within the last 10 years.

Six factors were seen as contributing to this improved status:

1—The nation's vast industrial machine, speeded by defense production designed to make the United States secure against any threat from abroad, was operating at levels above the peaks of 1929.

2—Unemployment was declining slowly and steadily, with the prospect that by the end of 1941 fewer people would be without jobs than at any time in 10 years.

3—Wages, salaries and payrolls showed steady increases.

4—The cost of living thus far has shown little upward trend.

5—The total national income this year appeared certain to reach about $75,000,000,000, the highest figure since the record of $82,885,000,000 set in 1929.

6—Savings deposits were the highest in the nation's history.

Deacon Shem Drowne, of Boston, was the first professional artist in America of whom there is record.

Columbia Harbor Rehabilitation Is Explained!

ASTORIA—Approval by army authorities of increase of the personnel and further rehabilitation work at the harbor defenses of the Columbia was announced today by Col. H. C. Davis, commander at Fort Stevens.

The garrison will be increased Jan. 3 to about 800 men, with addition of a new gun battery and headquarters battery and increase of present three batteries to full strength.

Four new barracks will be erected at Fort Stevens, along with a bachelor officers' quarters and a hospital annex. Two barracks will be erected at Fort Canby, on the Washington shore, and one new barracks at Fort Columbia. These two stations at present are on a caretaker status.

Complete Two WPA Projects

Two WPA school projects in Pierce county have just been completed, it was announced Thursday.

One is for the Elgin school where WPA allocated $754, matched by school funds of $235 to install plumbing fixtures, a new septic tank, painting and regrading grounds.

At the Buckley school a WPA crew constructed double tennis courts, erected a 450-foot chain link fence, built a concrete driveway, sidewalks and bicycle shed. This project required $4,976 federal and $1,681 school funds.

Work will start soon on the reroofing, painting and repairing of the McMillin school. This job will take $1,703 federal and $630 in school district funds.

Two Volunteers From Puyallup

PUYALLUP—Pierce county draft board No. 1 Thursday announced it would send two men to the induction center on the 12th floor of the Washington building Friday.

The two chosen, both volunteers, are Donald Lyle Munch, 33, of Route 3, Puyallup, and Merrill Lou Davis, 24, of Fairfax.

Draft board officials here said Wednesday they had dispatched a second batch of 25 questionnaires to registrants. First 25 were sent out last week.

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