

Merchant Marine Cadet Corps Again Open to Enlistment

Volunteer enlistments for engine department candidates to the U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps Academy were flung open today in the tri-state area of Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky as the War Shipping Administration sought prospective engineer officers to help sail the cargo ships of the U. S. Merchant Marine.

Youths between 17 1/2 and 18 possessing a minimum of fifteen units from accredited schools, and who feel they can pass the Navy physical examination for cadet-midshipmen are urged to write at once to the Supervisor, U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps, War Shipping Administration, Training Organization, Washington 25, D. C.

Training courses consist of twelve weeks at basic schools, followed by not less than six months aboard merchant or training vessels, and thirty-six weeks at the Academy for advanced study in preparation for examination for license.

Cadets receive \$65 a month while in training, plus uniforms, text books, subsistence and quarters. Upon graduation successful candidates are commissioned Ensigns in the U. S. Naval Reserve and assigned to merchant vessels.

Birmingham Boys Find Weather Is Hot On China-Burma-India Battle Front

PORT WAYNE, DETROIT—Some observations of the Ordnance Department, Army Service Forces, are employing elephants on a variety of missions in the China-Burma-India theatre, according to Captain Benjamin R. McConnell of Waco, Texas. Several Birmingham young men are serving with the American forces in China and Burma.

In a memorandum to Colonel Harry Adamson, commanding Port Wayne Ordnance Depot, Captain McConnell explained that on an expedition in northeast India, of which he was a member, approximately 20 jungle-wise elephants were used.

Elephants are sometimes preferred to native boys because the boys frequently fall sick on the march and additional food supplies must be carried for them. It takes 18 months to train an elephant, but, once trained, an elephant is highly dependable and can carry a 600-pound load.

In some villages through which the expedition passed, Captain McConnell recalls, the native population had never seen a white man.

Weather Is Hot
During part of his 16 months in

India and Burma, Captain McConnell was stationed in New Delhi where summer temperatures range from 120 to 130 degrees. Night temperatures average 110 degrees.

In upper Assam, ordnance soldiers have to contend with heavy rainfalls. Rains and mugginess average about 33 feet of water a year. Under these extraordinary humid conditions, beds turn green with mold, shoes are moldy, clothing is nearly always wet.

Large quantities of ordnance battle weapons, ammunition, automotive equipment and spare parts are now flowing into India's ports. Difficulties are immediately encountered. Army ordnance trucks, for example, leaving the dock areas for supply depots, must go forward in low gear because they must use narrow Indian streets that are jammed with carts pulled by plodding bullocks and water buffaloes.

Few Good Roads
"Once out of the city, ordnance trucks and supplies must be transported by rail at least half-way to their destination in Assam because there is no passable road leading from the coast to that province.

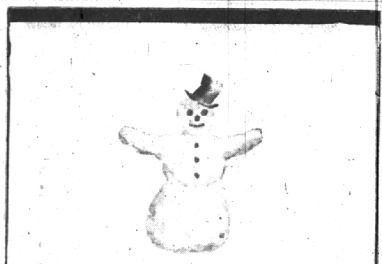
Flag wagons are loaded with ordnance trucks and supplies and, after a slow journey of three days, must be transferred to narrow gauge cars. Farther up the main line, vehicles and supplies are again unloaded, ferried across a river, and driven out over a passable road that leads to our bases in northeastern India.

When supplies and equipment reach Assam's bases, they are distributed promptly to dispersed ordnance warehouses. Some are sent immediately to troops extending the Ledo road. Some are parachuted to advance patrols of General Stilwell's command in Burma. Other ordnance supplies are loaded on transport planes and flown over the Himalayas from India to China.

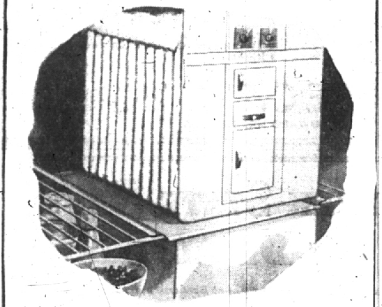
Captain McConnell remarked that certain Army ordnance items must be adapted to short Chinese arms by cutting three inches off the stock.

Many Languages
As there are 400 different languages and dialects used in various parts of India, ordnance troops are rarely shifted from one area to another. By remaining in one place, they can pick up a fair speaking knowledge of the language used there. Some ordnance soldiers have acquired a speaking knowledge of Hindustani after one month's study. But the general tendency is to teach the Indians how to speak English.

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Warm weather means an added burden on your refrigerator. The hotter the weather, the harder it works to keep things cool. If you notice a "snow-man" forming inside—heavy frost on the cooling coils—it's time to get busy and defrost the refrigerator. That layer of frost is costing you money! It means that the refrigerator must work overtime to absorb heat through a blanket of frost around the cooling coils. And for economical operation, the motor should run as little as possible.

It's only human to keep "putting off" the chore of defrosting—especially in summer, when ice cubes are in big demand and you hesitate to have your refrigerator out of commission even for a few hours. But see that it is done regularly. Do not use an ice pick or a sharp instrument to remove ice; this sometimes punctures the refrigerating coils. After defrosting, wash the whole interior (coils, shelves, trays, etc.) with lukewarm water and mild soap. Unless the motor of your refrigerator is hermetically sealed, have it oiled and inspected periodically. Remember that your refrigerator must last for the duration. Treat it accordingly! The Detroit Edison Company.

These Seven Do's and Don'ts Recommended Good for Fishermen

LANSING.—Here are seven Do's and Don'ts recommended by the conservation department to help fishermen keep out of trouble:

1. Protect your head with a wide brim hat and wear clothing adequate for protection from wind and insect bites.
2. Carry a vacuum bottle or flask of good drinking water. Drinking Lake or stream water that has not been boiled is dangerous.
3. Be cautious while in a boat, especially when wearing rubber boots or other clothing that will hamper you in swimming.
4. When bait-casting from a boat, use the overhead cast so you will not endanger your companions.
5. Carry a first-aid kit and promptly sterilize scratches and punctures from hooks and fish fins, which often cause infection.
6. Should a fish hook become buried in the flesh, don't try to pull it out. Push it on around and out through the skin. Cut off the barb with a wire cutter or a pair of pliers which should always be in your kit; then the hook may be extracted easily.
7. Don't venture out on the water in stormy weather. When the weather is threatening, head for shore.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. As executor of the estate of Leonard J. Baker, deceased, administrator of said estate having filed in said Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1944.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of Leonard J. Baker, Deceased.

Clara M. Baker, administrator of said estate having filed in said Court his final account and petition, requesting for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the balance of said account, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said administrator.

It is Ordered, That the 24th day of July, A. D. 1944, be and the same is hereby appointed for the hearing of said petition.

It is further ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Herald, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR MOORE, Judge of Probate.

John E. Marks, Atty. 727 Piedmont Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan.
STANLEY H. CHICKS—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Michigan.
No. 2324
Georgiana Ann Hilditch, ex. Hilda H. Hammond Defendant.
JULIA E. HILDITCH, Plaintiff.
PUBLICATION
At a session of said Court held at the Courtroom, in the City of Pontiac on the 21st day of June, 1944.
Present, Hon. H. Russell Holland, Judge.
In the above entitled cause it appearing that the defendant, Hilda H. Hammond is not a resident of this state but that she resides in Seattle in the State of Washington, an action of John E. Marks, Attorney for Plaintiff, was filed in this Court. That the defendant enter an appearance and file a plea of denial from three months from the date of this order and that with the plea the plaintiff cause this order to be published in the Birmingham Herald, a newspaper printed and circulated within this county, said publication to be continued once each week for six weeks in succession.
H. RUSSELL HOLLAND, Circuit Judge.
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LYON D. ELEN, County Clerk.
By: ESTHER C. WEADE, Deputy.
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