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TRAFFIC RELIEF CLOSER!

New Freeway Plans Pushed At County Board Meeting

Relief of the critical traffic congestion that continues to bring death and a mounting toll of injuries and property damage to motorists on Highway 101 between Camp Roberts and Paso Robles came a step closer Monday when the County Planning Board met in San Luis Obispo to hear objections to the proposed route of the new freeway.

General Clark Here!



GENERAL MARK CLARK, Chief of Army Field Forces, is visiting Camp Roberts today. It has been almost a year since General Clark checked training progress at this camp, and the tremendous strides made in implementing the lessons of war to fit current training are sure to meet with his approval. As Chief of Field Forces, General Clark is responsible for the nation's training program.

Armed Forces Day Plans Shaping Up

Plans are rapidly taking shape for the celebration of Armed Forces Day at Camp Roberts and surrounding towns.

Camp Roberts activities include a large parade on Saturday, May 10, open house and demonstrations. Also on that day, civilians will be permitted to eat the noon meal in company mess halls for 35 cents. The idea behind this is to acquaint civilians with how the Army operates.

In nearby King City, it is expected that posters and displays will appear in store windows. The National Guard unit there will furnish equipment for the displays.

Lt. Col. Frank L. Denise is project commander for Armed Forces Day. Recently, Lt. Col. Denise, Capt. Myron L. Carr, Jr., PIO officer, and Capt. Horace Carlock met with the editor of the King City Herald and the president of the Chamber of Commerce, Grant Cunningham, to plan activities in that city.

All trainees and cadremen are encouraged to invite relatives and friends to the big celebration at one of the largest training installations in the world.

Forty-nine accidents occurred on the present two-lane road between January 1 and April 1. They accounted for one death, 33 injuries, and 30 cases of property damage. Comparable figures for the same period of 1951 were 39 accidents resulting in one death, 20 injuries, and 25 cases of property damage.

A traffic account of the number of vehicles using various sections of the highway on March 27 shows the following:
North of Paso Robles, going both ways—9,684.
San Miguel, Gate 1—7,641.
Gate 2, Gate 1—7,024.
Gate 1, Gate 3—6,877.
Gate 3, end of East Garrison—7,020.

Objections to the route 101 described as normal in number and nature—came from ranchers, farmers, and businessmen whose property values would be affected by construction of the new highway.

The new four-lane freeway will extend from Paso Robles to Camp Roberts. It will parallel the existing highway along most of its length, but will swing to the west at San Miguel to by-pass that community's shopping district.

Money is now available for purchase of the right of way and for engineering surveys, and progress on the project is reported as definitely being made by Col. Robert I. Stack, Deputy Post Commander. Colonel Stack, as the Commanding General's representative, has been instrumental in forwarding the project.

Further impetus is expected to be put behind the freeway late next month or early in June when community representatives meet in San Luis Obispo with the State Senate's interim committee on highways, streets and bridges.

The meeting will be attended by Senators Collier, Breed, Gibson, Mayo, Kraft, Dilworth and Erhart. They will confer with a San Luis Obispo chamber of commerce highway committee headed by Chairman C. A. Maino, and, if time is available, will inspect the critical stretch of highway north of Paso Robles.

Construction on the first 4.5 miles of the freeway—Paso Robles to San Marcos Creek—will start in 1953 or 1954. Improvement of this section has been approved, and surveys are expected to get under way immediately.

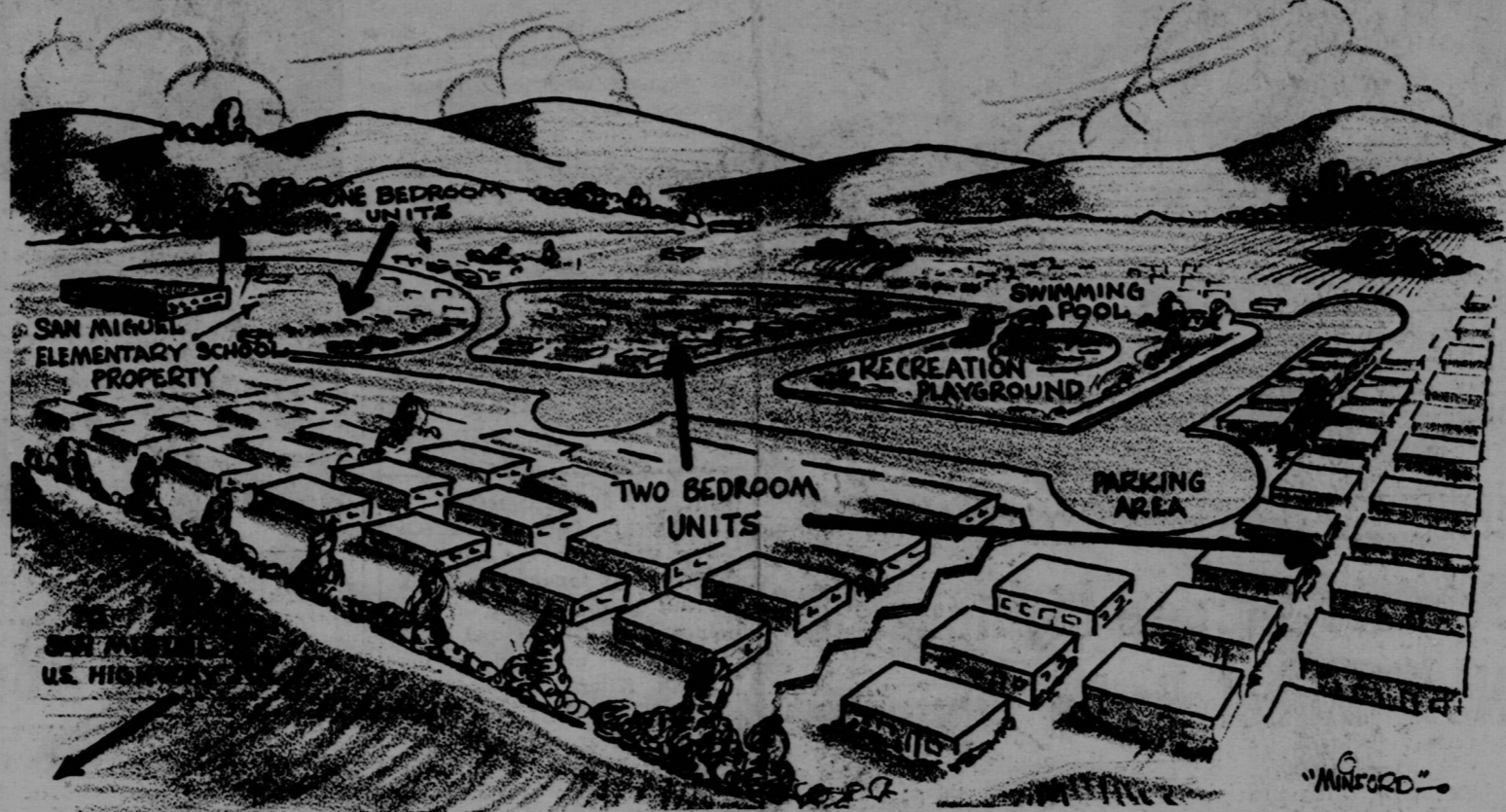
The first section is scheduled for completion in 1955 at a cost of about \$1,500,000.

Completion of the north end of the freeway—San Marcos Creek to Camp Roberts—will come later, probably in 1956.

Funds for surveying and right of way purchase of the north section are on hand, and surveys are planned for the near future.

Extension of the freeway from Gate 2, Camp Roberts, to the north boundary of the post or to Bradley is a possibility following opening of the Paso Robles-Camp Roberts section.

New Uses For Napalm
Washington—Army Chemical Corps technicians have found that napalm, the compound used to thicken gasoline for use in flame-throwers and fire bombs, can be converted readily into an efficient paint remover at small cost. Napalm also can be converted into soap, since its basic ingredients are naphthenic acid and palm oil.



A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE—Taken from actual blueprints of the proposed Almond Acres military housing project this sketch by T&E artist Scottie Menford, shows but a portion

of the 500 unit project. The proposed project became more of a reality and less of a dream this week. Work on the \$1,000,000 project is expected to get underway within a few weeks.

Work Will Start Shortly On New Almond Acres Military Housing Plan

TRAILER UNIT PROGRESS TOLD!

New Facilities Under Way As More Contracts Awarded

Construction of 144 trailer units is currently under way to provide additional housing for Camp Roberts. When completed, the units will be served by public utilities and by several buildings providing sanitary and cleaning facilities. Streets and sidewalks will also be installed.

A current progress report on the new units reveals:

Four contracts have been awarded for water, gas, sewers, and an overhead electric system. Work on all of these installations is being pushed to completion.

Street and sidewalk contracts have also been awarded. Work on these is scheduled to start in the near future.

In addition, the project is to include 12 utility buildings designed for showers, laundry, and rest rooms for men and women. One of these buildings is being contemplated for automatic washers.

Contracts for the utility buildings will be awarded soon.

Set Deadline For Officer's Release

Washington—Army officers who have had their terms of service extended involuntarily for 12 months by presidential directive may be released immediately from active duty, providing they do not volunteer for additional service.

The announcement came in the form of DA Message 318362. Officers affected will be those currently in category V. This category consists of those officers who were involuntarily extended after the expiration of their original categories.

They may, however, elect to stay on active duty by changing their categories to II or III. Or they may stay on for the remainder of their 12-month period if they elect to do so in writing.

Separation will be effected for officers in the continental U. S. who so desire on or before May 20. Those overseas will be brought home and separated not later than June 20.

VA Discontinues NSLI Receipts In Economy Move

Veterans Administration announced this week that it will discontinue sending receipts for insurance premiums becoming due on and after August 1, 1952.

VA said this is an economy measure and will not affect service to policyholders.

Notices concerning the discontinuance will be mailed to all policyholders of U. S. Government Life Insurance and of National Service Life Insurance—the two groups affected.

VA said a preliminary estimate of the savings likely to accrue to the Government as a whole from this order is approximately \$1,000,000 annually.

Many private insurance companies already have discontinued the sending of receipts, VA said. The VA action follows this trend.

Policyholders who wish to maintain a record of their premium payments are advised by VA to make payments by check or postal money order and to keep the cancelled checks or postal money order stubs as evidence of such payments.

VA said it will continue to maintain the official record of premium payments for the protection of policyholders.

Army Maneuver Slated For May

A supply maneuver involving the support of a simulated force of nearly half a million men will be held at Camp Pickett, Va., May 3 to 10, the Department of Defense has announced.

A severe blow was dealt the critical housing shortage in this area, by an announcement this week that the American Development and Investment Corporation will begin immediate work on a project to move 250 one and two bedroom housing units to San Miguel.

The Sixth Army announcement stated that the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency had accepted the American Corporation's \$112,000 bid for the units now located at the abandoned Wilmington housing project in Los Angeles. The company was also awarded an option to buy another 250 units for an equal amount.

Terms of the contract call for moving the units to the Camp Roberts critical housing area, and putting them in condition for occupancy by Camp Roberts personnel, within 200 days. Current plans are to locate the project on an old housing site at the northwest corner of the San Miguel city limits. This will be the first housing project ever constructed by private capital solely for military use.

In prior opinion, based on a statement of facilities that will be made available to tenants by the project, the Rent Advisory Committee has set tentative rent of \$47.50 on the 1-bedroom units and \$52.50 on the 2-bedroom units. Each unit will be completely furnished, and water and garbage disposal will be supplied by the project. Other utilities will be extra. These prices are subject to revision upon future inspection of the project by the rent control authorities.

Startled in a seemingly endless mass of red tape for the past eight months, plans for the badly needed project, were recently accelerated by an appeal from Camp Roberts' commanding general, Brig. Gen. Frank H. Parridge, to the Sixth Army commander, Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing. General Swing, who has personally interested himself in the fight to bring adequate housing to the Camp Roberts area since taking command of the Sixth Army last year, then underlined the dire need for immediate relief at top levels.

Following the reactivation of the 7th Armored Division on the 24 November 1950, General Parridge was immediately confronted with the problem of obtaining sufficient housing for officers and cadre. Realizing the effects that poor living conditions would have

on troop morale, the commander initiated a vigorous campaign for rent control, an on-post trailer site, and additional construction by private capital. The combined talents of both military and civil leaders were utilized by the organization of a Military Advisory Committee, a committee that has proven outstandingly effective in selling private capital the idea of building new construction to meet the area's housing needs.

Currently the housing picture is bright. Plans are on the drawing boards for several new construction projects in the surrounding community. The Almond Acres project in San Miguel is fast becoming a reality and the on-post trailer site is moving rapidly ahead. Should peace be only a distant dream, the foresight of an interested and aggressive commander will be made manifest in the good morale and well trained soldiers that pass through the portals of the nation's largest basic training center.

Approve Plans For Improved Roads

Improvement of one access road and approval, in principle, of the proposal for a second have been announced by the Office of the Commanding General.

The road to be repaired and improved is the county road running inside the reservation from the junction with the new Range Road to Gate 4. It will probably be completed before May 1, and will be opened for one-way passenger vehicular traffic between 0715 and 0815 hours and between 1845 and 1815 hours.

Beyond Gate 4, San Luis Obispo County will improve the continuation of the road to its junction with U.S. Highway 101 in San Miguel.

The second access road, approved in principle, will run via Range Road, San Miguel Road, Oak Flat Road, and Paso Robles Road to a junction with U. S. 101, at Paso Robles High School.

ENLISTED MEN ONLY!

Outline Latest Changes In New Enlisted Promotion Program

Washington—In a new circular (Cir. 25) the Army has outlined the ways in which it is tightening its enlisted promotion program.

In addition to the policy that no promotions may be made in the first four pay grades of the major command concerned, a number of other changes are listed. They are as follows:

1. Personnel must occupy an authorized vacancy within the major command in either the grade to which promotion is considered or a higher grade for period of time listed: Korean combat zone—one month. Rear area Korean combat zone—two months. All other areas outside of Korea—three months.
2. Suspension of the provision for the promotion of noncoms in infantry table of organization units regardless of major command ceiling.
3. Suspension of the provision for the promotion of permanently assigned personnel to E-3 after six months in E-2 and E-4 after 12 months in E-3 or 30 months service.
4. Suspension of the provision for promotion of combat-injured patients.
5. Suspension of the provision for promotion of cadre personnel.
6. Suspension of the provision for the promotion of personnel for extraordinary or heroic combat action without regard to major command ceilings.
7. Suspension of the provision for the promotion of selected officer candidates.
8. Suspension of the provision for the promotion of enlisted personnel who successfully complete 18 weeks or more duration in a specific MOS to E-3. However, successful service school graduates who are assigned to E-3 or higher position vacancies may be promoted without regard to time-in-position vacancies.
9. Suspension of the provision for the accelerated promotion of leadership course graduates.
10. Suspension of the provision for the promotion of successful graduates of the Ranger Course.

In exceptionally meritorious individual cases commanders of general officer grade or commanders in positions usually held by general officers may waive time-in-position requirements provided that a vacancy exists within the major command ceilings.

Specifically the new policy has resulted in the suspension of a number of paragraphs in both SR 615-25-40 and SR 615-25-50. They will remain suspended until further notice.

The Army hopes, however, that it will be able to loosen up the restrictions when the first large numbers of inductees begin to leave the Service, possibly in the Fall.



MR. KENNETH S. ERWIN

"A Soldier's Newspaper!" That's Ken Erwin's highest mark of triumph, but not his only one by any means. A Navy journalist for 9 years with an impressive background of successful ship and station newspapers, the dynamic fighting editor arrived at Camp Roberts October 27, 1950. Within less than two months he was editor and had launched a campaign for rent control and adequate housing for military personnel. Backed by the commanding general his efforts were instrumental in having Camp Roberts declared the first critical military housing area in the United States. Now, in Ken's last edition before he departs for "Bagdad by the Bay" the new housing development that he fought so long and so hard for is being approved. In addition to this going away present the state is currently considering the widening of Highway 101 from Gate 1 to Paso Robles, a project Ken has vigorously campaigned for. Today the slender young editor learned that another of his protegee journalists, Sgt. Warren J. Kraft, had been assigned to the Stars and Stripes. And just recently Mr. Bob Pierre joined the ranks of the United Press. It's an impressive record. Now, Ken is finally getting the break he deserves. The 6th Army Headquarters has asked him to revamp the PRESIDIAN in San Francisco. With an excellent background and his ability to get things done, the future of Mr. Kenneth S. Erwin is bright.

New CO For 6100



CAREER SOLDIER Colonel Augustus H. Regnier is the new commanding officer of 6100 ASU. Prior to assignment here Col. Regnier commanded Camp Drum, New York, in the news recently as base headquarters for the successful cold weather exercise, Operation Snowfall. A graduate of West Point, Col. Regnier served overseas in both World Wars. He was a member of the military mission to Greece, serving as an advisor to a Greek Corps commander in '48 and '49. Col. Regnier is married and has two sons, the eldest, Richard, is a plebe at West Point and one of the Point's most active athletes. Tony, the younger son will graduate this year from an Eastern prep school.

New Exec. For 6100



LT. COL. LAWRENCE E. Johnson has arrived at Camp Roberts as new executive officer for 6100 ASU. Prior to reporting here, Colonel Johnson was a member of the Judge Advocate Section, Command Headquarters, Camp Osaka, Japan. Colonel Johnson served in both World War I and World War II and was recalled to active duty on October 9, 1948. He is married and formerly lived in Chicago where he was an attorney in civilian life.

PX Offers 10 Dinners

Tokyo, Japan—United Nations troops who eat in Post Exchange cafeterias in Japan can order 10 dinners from soup to nuts in eight different languages: Thai, Turkish, Greek, Dutch, French, Japanese, Swedish, and English.

