

### VFW TO EXEMPLIFY INITIATORY RITES

Patrick W. Kelley post, V. F. W., will hold an open meeting Thursday night at Maccahee hall, and all ex-service men are invited to attend.

The degree team, which is considered one of the best in the state, will exemplify the interesting ceremony on a large class of new members.

Since being organized, the local degree team of overseas veterans has initiated the following posts: Florence, Brookings, Marshfield and Myrtle Point. In addition they have performed at various post meetings throughout the state, and within the next few weeks, will be called upon to institute Bandon post, No. 445, at Bandon.

A membership campaign "for officers only" will be a novel addition to the activities of the local post, up to and including March 31, 1936. This drive will have for its goal the recruiting of at least twenty-three eligible overseas veterans to the membership rolls of Patrick W. Kelley post.

The post has twenty-three elected and appointive officers, Commander Cummings explained today. A special campaign, apart from the regular and continuous membership recruiting activities of the post as a whole, has been devised for the group of officers, each of whom is expected to obtain at least one new member before March 31.

The campaign is a part of the drive being made simultaneously by the officers of each of approximately 4,000 local units of the V. F. W. throughout the country, Commander Cummings said. A 100 per cent return would mean the addition of at least 75,000 new members within the time prescribed.

This will be in addition to the general membership activities of the organization as a whole, which has added an average of 1,000 new members to the rolls each and every week during the past year, Commander Cummings said.

### GIRL BEGINS TOIL AT 13; RICH AT 40

(Continued from page 1) This was his discouraging comment: "Hell, you've got a lot more schooling now than I ever had, and at a terrific cost to your parents, and it's all your own fault, which I don't doubt, make the most of it and don't ask for any more. You're on your own from now on!"

Well, Jack received this paternal slap in the face with the stoicism she had found to be her best protection in her dealings with her father and her step-mother. Thinking it over, she knew she had never really expected much of them. Now that she was certain, there was no use weeping. Simply the would have to make the best of the situation. She did. She got a job in a stationery store, and went to work.

We might pause here, and comment upon the sad mistake which the step-mother made in not taking young Melinda to her heart, cementing thus a friendship which would have softened both their lives, and insured a comforting presence to the step-mother in her feeble years. The young girl had good stuff in her, and had been most properly reared as an infant by her mother, and later by her uncle and aunt. When she first met her, she was ready to trust and reverence her step-mother. But such a situation was not to be, so there's no use in crying about it.

Many Jobs in 25 Years Jack didn't stay long in the stationery store. She didn't particularly care for the work, and she had no home ties which might have encouraged her to settle down and make the best of her job. She became restless, and her eyes turned questioningly to distant horizons. She quit, and went to Los Angeles.

In the ensuing twenty-five years Jack Plotner sold down many jobs, and in the pursuit and execution of them traveled the length and breadth of the Pacific Coast states times without number, counting to know them well. A partial summary of what she did during this time will give you some idea of the tribulations, the trials and discouragements which must have attended her work and her wanderings:

In Los Angeles she worked for the telephone company, and later in a telegraph office; then she left for Portland, Oregon, and did housework until she tired of the eternal round of sweeping, dusting, making beds. Then she got a job in the office of the S. P. & S. railroad. Familiarity with her work there bred a desire to ride on some of the rolling stock, so she ended up in Heppner, where she managed the telephone exchange. I believe she liked the telephone business, for she left Heppner and returned to Portland, and entered the telephone office there. However, after a bit she left that employment and became bookkeeper in a garage.

The outbreak of the World War found her in this garage, and possessed of an overwhelming desire to join the army. Quite likely she would have done so, if she would have considered becoming a nurse or a stenographer. She didn't, though; she wanted action, and plenty of it. She decided if she went to Canada she might get what she wanted, so going there she tried to enlist in an ambulance company, but with no success—they weren't signing on women for the front line trenches there either. If she couldn't be in the thick of thundering shells she refused to go, so she came back to Portland and, feeling kind of low, went to work for a casket company.

Again leaving Portland, Jack returned to Los Angeles and went

### VICTIMS OF SEA TRAGEDY ON PEACOCK SPIT



Victims of the sinking of the States line freighter, Iowa, wrecked on Peacock spit at the mouth of the Columbia river with a loss of 34 lives. None was saved. (Above from left), Charles Steinmetz Jr., fireman; Theodore J. Frison, second assistant engineer; Edward Wolfsehr, oiler; Frank Caldwell, radio operator, who sent out S. O. S., all of Portland. (Below from left), Captain E. L. Yates, master of the Iowa; Chief Officer Alfred G. Krieger, both of Portland—International Illustrated News.

to work for a hospital there; later she became assistant chef in a military school in Pasadena; tiring of that, she farmed for a while, then drove a jitney; abandoning her jitney trade, she removed to Trinity county, California, where she engaged in a mining venture.

**Packer and Officer** Deciding there was more money to be made through hauling merchandise to the miners than there was in digging for gold, she procured a pack outfit consisting of seven horses, two mules and ten burros, and engaged to the merchants in town to pack their supplies in to the mines. Doing all the requisite work herself, she hauled this pack train through the mountains in fair weather and the foul, summer and winter, until the dirt roads played out, when she sold the outfit and, having accumulated a deserved reputation for dependability and enterprise, was appointed a deputy sheriff of Trinity county, a position she filled for a couple of years, packing a gun and hunting down criminals in the hills with the best of them.

Leaving Trinity, Jack went to Powell, Oregon, where she was employed in cookhouses in that lumber town, later going to Coquille, following the same line of work. For the past five or six years she has been in Canyonville, where the depression caught her. She has worked at anything that would bring in a dollar—picking up prunes in season, helping in the hay harvest, working in stores, and cutting wood for sale to neighboring farms. It was while pursuing this latter task, not a woman's job by any manner of means, you'll freely admit, that fortune finally overtook her, sharply disproving the old saying that "a rolling stone gathers no moss."

**Toil Has Its Reward** What does this fortune consist of, do you ask? Cash, stocks, farm and city property. Its value has been reported to me by her friends and neighbors to range anywhere from ten thousand dollars, to a quarter of a million. Somewhere within these figures, lies the truth.

Very shortly after the death of her step-mother, occurring early in December, Jack received a gift of \$3,999, an accumulation due her from her grandfather's and her father's estates. In addition, she is heir to over 100 shares of Western Union stocks, from the same source. She also finds herself sole owner of a 160-acre farm near Anderson, Indiana, and two houses and lots in Peru, Indiana, exact value undetermined. Gauged with a pre-depression scale, the value of this stock and the farm and city property would be very impressive indeed, and no doubt would give rise to the optimistic reports as to the size of her inheritance. A conservative appraisal of her holdings at the present time probably would place the value in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

A fortune has a comparative value. To a multimillionaire \$25,000 would be a mere bag of shells; to most of us it would be something very, very desirable, to say the least, while to one in absolute need it would be the fortune of Croesus. To me, incidentally, it would be the fortune of Croesus, Midas, John H. and the Nizam of Hyderabad, combined! You can make up your own minds what it meant to Jack.

I asked her about that. "Well," she answered, "quite naturally it was a tremendous relief. It's no fun to have to live as always I have had to do, more or less from hand to mouth, with little chance of having something extra for my old age. It is depressing always, and often very discouraging. "At first, barring a feeling of great exhilaration and general happiness, I enjoyed every waking moment and dreamed of my good fortune at night. Christmas season was approaching, and something was doing all the time which kept my mind busy—my hands were idle, since I had quit my job upon receipt of the money—and I got a lot of fun and excitement out of doing little things for other people and returning some of the many favors which had been shown me in past years. No one could tell me there wasn't any Santa Claus! But after the hol-

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### STORAGE SPACE IS STUDEBAKER "HIT"

The Studebakers of 1936 have caused considerable comment among local motorists due to the ingenious manner in which body designers have provided these automobiles with unusually large luggage carrying capacity. A striking example of this was exhibited yesterday at the showrooms of Umpqua garage located in the Medical Arts building, local Studebaker dealers, where a new Studebaker Dictator cruising sedan was displayed.

Every model in each of the new lines of Studebakers, the Dictators and the Presidents, has been built with an idea of pleasing motorists who like to go places and take things with them, whether the loads be personal or "freight," according to A. E. Elliott. Not only is that true, but each model is offered in a variety of luggage compartment arrangements large enough to cover any whim or desire a motorist may have.

For example, the Dictator sedan is offered in what is called the "custom" model, the "cruising" model, or with one or two side mounts for spare tires. The "custom" model has an unusually large trunk built-in, that is, "blended in" with the smart contours of the car. And each of these two models may be had with either one or two fender well mountings for the extra tires. Without fender well mountings the spare tires are carried on the floor of the luggage compartment. With fender well mountings the spare tires are available for additional luggage.

In addition to the unusually large luggage space in the Dictator

or cruising sedan, salesmen with large loads of samples are given further convenience by the large door openings of the body. The width of the door opening of this model is 41 inches, which permits easy access from either side of the car and the tremendous room in the rear seat compartment—measures 53 1/2 inches at shoulder height—makes it an ideal storage space for large packages.

### SHOOTS HUSBAND, COMMITS SUICIDE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A love quarrel punctuated by bullet shots took the life of Mrs. Malita Powell Rovig, 50, today, and sent her husband, Charles Rovig, 53, a liquor salesman, to a hospital gravely wounded.

Rovig told Detective Lieutenant George Sheldon that his wife unjustly accused him of being friendly with another woman, and then shot him twice in the stomach before turning the pistol on herself. Mrs. Rovig's son, Don Powell, 24, told officers his mother sang with the Metropolitan Opera company in New York in 1910 under the name of Horatia Powell.

### PERNOLL IMPROVES, GUNMAN UNCAUGHT

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The sheriff of Jackson county today announced a reward of \$100 for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the bandit who last Thursday evening shot and wounded John W. Pernoll, Applegate postmaster and storekeeper, during the course of an attempted robbery.

Pernoll was reported today as improving. He was shot in the arm and leg. By a miracle, both bullets failed to strike a bone.

### ROOSEVELT SETTLES SOCIAL QUESTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—To keep peace among the wives of the American diplomatic corps, President Roosevelt has issued an order deciding a dispute of long standing.

At issue was the question: How much latitude is allowed a chief of mission abroad on choosing an "official hostess" for a social affair if he happens to be a bachelor or his wife is away at the moment?

Some ambassadors and ministers have settled the problem to their own tastes by calling on distant relatives or asking some other lady outside the diplomatic set to act for them.

This has aroused jealousies and fanned indignation among the wives of other members of legation or embassy staffs. They have felt entitled to the honor in such circumstances.

A show-down came when the unidentified chief of an unidentified mission brought in a young and distant relative to receive for him at a function—over the heads of other wives within the mission. This caused many an indignant "Tack! Tack!"

President Roosevelt took the matter personally in hand by issuing, in the form of an executive order, "an amendment to the instructions to diplomatic officers of the United States."

Representing a signal victory for the wives of lesser mission attaches, the order said: "Hostesses in missions: "In the absence of the wife of the head of a diplomatic mission,

only the daughter, mother or sister of the head of the mission or the wife of the counselor or highest ranking secretary having a wife present at the post may act as hostess for the head of the mission."

### "HOT TIME" SONG COMPOSER PASSES

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Theodore Metz, 87, composer of the song "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," is dead.

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