Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

MISS BUNDY IS HONORED AT SHOWER

SUTHERLIN, January 23.—Mrs. Dean Cook, Miss Helen Allen and Miss Juanita Allen were hostesses at a lovely bridal shower in honor of Miss Norma Bundy in the Rebekah lodge rooms Wednesday afternoon, January 17.

The gifts were presented to the guest of honor in a beautiful pink and white basket trimmed with silver bells. Miss Bundy graciously opened the basket and displayed the gifts to the following guests: Mrs. Ray Parker, Mrs. Anton Coenenberg, Mrs. Mark Jordan, Mrs. Brittain Slack, Mrs. Frank O. Young, Mrs. Lloyd Cameron, Mrs. Herman Hugh, Mrs. Walter Stowe, Mrs. A. L. Real, Mrs. Johnny Polweczak, Mrs. C. T. Chamberlain, Mrs. Savilla Bamber, Miss Dorothy Chamberlain, Mrs. William C. Woods, Mrs. Tom Hand, Mrs. Anna Hankenson, Mrs. Myron Wofford, Miss Pauline Trozelle, Mrs. Maurice Vogelpohl, Mrs. Jack Culver, Sr., Mrs. Jack Culver, Jr., Mrs. John Saucerman, Mrs. Marie Shellbourne, Mrs. H. H. Clemens, Mrs. Theodore Anderson, Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mrs. Wilson Hartzhorn, Mrs. F. L. Young, Miss Betty Barge, Mrs. Hugh Whitl, Mrs. Jack Genley, Mrs. C. L. Carr, Mrs. Orville French, Mrs. M. W. French, Mrs. George Shuman, Mrs. John Cook, Mrs. Henry Barge, Miss Edna Barge, Mrs. Walter Bedell, Mrs. Alva Manning, Miss Catherine Manning, Miss Venetta Fraser and the hostesses, Miss Juanita and Miss Helen Allen and Mrs. Cook.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

SUTHERLIN, January 22.—Clair Welchell and A. L. Real were the recipients of a joint birthday party tendered to them by the following: Mesdames Welchell, Real, Sidney Wegner, Walter Stowe and Percy Lachterhand in the hall room of the hotel building Thursday evening, January 18. Following an evening of dancing the honor guests cut two birthday cakes with green candles and a delicious lunch was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Clair Welchell, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Real, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wegner, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lachterhand, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wahl, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wahl, Mr. and Mrs. Deward Rose, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Polweczak, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garber, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rone, Miss Helen Allen, Miss Lorraine Storms, Mrs. Dean Cook, Mrs. John Muscrove, Jimmy Rackley and David Sigismund.

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YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY PARTY

CANYONVILLE, Jan. 23.—Fourteen young people belonging to the Methodist Epworth League assembled at the Emmett Moyer home Friday evening, January 19, where they spent the evening in social recreation. A number of different games were played which included monopoly, Chinese checkers and dominoes. Later in the evening delightful refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and chocolate were served to the following: Lois Young, Alethea Billings, Alice Rose, Elizabeth LeBlanc, Wiley Sullivan, James and Raymond Hayes, Earl Baker, Ernest, Kenneth and Allen Naylor, Frank Jordan and Norene and Jimmie Moyer.

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BIRTHDAYS ARE CELEBRATED TUESDAY

CANYONVILLE, Ore., Jan. 23.—Charles Hamlin and Buddie Shaw celebrated their birthdays together Tuesday evening for the ninth consecutive time. Both boys are thirteen years old this month, Buddie's birthday being January 16, and Charles' the 21st. The dinner was prepared and served by Buddie's sister, Faith, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Shaw.

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P.-T.A. TO MEET WEDNESDAY

LOOKINGGLASS, Jan. 23.—A meeting of the P.-T. association will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, in the assembly room of the high school. Mrs. Stella Quine, county school superintendent, will be guest speaker for the evening. A short business session will be held and refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting. For the past two weeks under the sponsorship of the P.-T. association, hot lunches have been served to the grade pupils at noon. It is planned to continue serving one hot dish each day during the winter months. Mrs. Ernest Voorhies and Mrs. Joe Matthews are supervising the work.

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REBEKAH LODGE HAS MEETING ON THURSDAY

SUTHERLIN, January 23.—The Rebekah lodge held their regular meeting Thursday evening, January 18, in the lodge rooms with Mrs. John Saucerman and Mrs. Ella Wegner as hostesses. The members presented Mrs. Savilla Bamber with a past noble grand pin in appreciation of the services which she rendered during the past year as noble grand.

After the meeting a drill practice was held and a delicious lunch of cake and coffee served to the following: Mrs. Alma Anderson, Mrs. Belle Cook, Mrs. Leona Slack, Mrs. Minnie Hartshorn, Mrs. Maude Culver, Mrs. Anna Hankenson, Mrs. Cora Allen, Mrs. Charlotte Parker, Mrs. Savilla Bamber, Mrs. June Shamp and the hostesses, Mrs. Saucerman and Mrs. Wegner.

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SUNSHINE CLUB HAS MEETING THURSDAY

AZALEA, Jan. 23.—The Sunshine club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Champ Johns Thursday afternoon.

The regular business meeting was held and Mrs. George Sofranek was welcomed into the club as a new member.

At the usual tea hour the hostess assisted by Mrs. Farnam, served a nice lunch.

Covers were arranged at a large table, centered with a winter bouquet, for Mrs. Vernon Caylor, Mrs. Forrest Farnam, Mrs. Harry Cooke, Mrs. Lowell Curtis, Mrs. John Jantzer, Mrs. Rollin Johns, Mrs. Warren Hazen, Mrs. Geo. Sofranek, Mrs. Esther Hazen, Mrs. Halbert Booth, Mrs. Phillip Thurmond, and the hostess, Mrs. Johns.

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LADIES AID HAS MEETING THURSDAY

CANYONVILLE, Ore., Jan. 23.—The Ladies Aid was graciously entertained Thursday at the home of Mrs. Barbara Hopkins. At the regular business meeting it was decided that election of officers would take place at the next meeting.

After a pleasant social afternoon a delicious luncheon was served at 1:30 p. m. by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Jennie Hopkins. Those present were: Mrs. C. E. Young, Mrs. E. W. Brown, Mrs. O. J. Lewis, Mrs. Margaret McGee, Miss Clara Moore, Mrs. Margaret Kimmel, Mrs. Jennie Hopkins and the hostess Mrs. Barbara Hopkins.

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DORCAS SOCIETY MEETS THURSDAY

SUTHERLIN, January 23.—The Dorcas society met at the club rooms in the Adventist school building Thursday afternoon and elected officers for the coming year. Mrs. John Bratton was elected president; Mrs. H. W. Snook, assistant president; and Mrs. Vern Carson, secretary and treasurer. The society meets every first and third Thursday in the school building.

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GIRLS ENJOY SENIOR PLAY

CANYONVILLE, Ore., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Margaret McGee, instructor in the local high school took the members of the senior class (with the exception of Jeanette Dodge who was ill) to Roseburg to attend the Douglas county senior day Tuesday. The meeting was held in the Roseburg high school auditorium and the students report the occasion to be one which was both pleasurable and profitable.

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MR. AND MRS. MOUNT ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

LOOKINGGLASS, Jan. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mount entertained at dinner on Sunday in honor of the birthdays of Mr. Mount and Bert Linaman. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Linaman and sons, Dallas, Bert and Loy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peterson and daughter, Miss Olive, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mount.

N. OF W. HAS ENJOYABLE MEETING

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—A very enjoyable time was had Friday night at the I. O. O. F. hall when the members and families of the Neighbors of Woodcraft had a social evening after lodge.

A bounteous potluck supper was enjoyed at which time Mrs. Chas. Davison, honor guest gave a very interesting talk of her trip and visit in Scotland. Later in the evening cards and Chinese checkers were enjoyed. Prizes were won by Mrs. Geo. Wilcox and Mrs. Emma Davison for ladies and Alfred Haud for men.

Serving on the refreshment committee were Mrs. Geo. Wilcox, Mrs. Lucille Sparks and Mrs. June Goff and on the entertainment, Mrs. Harriett Stearns.

The following were present for the supper: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davison, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Fortin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Haud, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Goff, Mrs. Harriett Stearns, Mrs. Lucille Sparks, Mrs. Mildred Whipple of Drain, Mrs. Mamie Peizel, Mrs. Allie Fickle, Mrs. Sadie Settle, McKinley Huntington and daughters, Mary Jane and Elizabeth.

Later in the evening they were joined by Janet Davison, Gene Wilcox and Betty Lou Moore.

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BUSY STEPPERS CLUB HAS ENJOYABLE MEETING

Mrs. Glen Young was a most gracious hostess Thursday when she entertained the Busy Steppers club at an all-day meeting.

Seated at the long beautifully arranged table were the following guests and members: Mrs. Vera Rice of Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Steen of Myrtle Creek, Mrs. Melina Perrin, Mrs. Bertha Devine, Mrs. Fern Lineman, Mrs. Mary Hodges, Mrs. Ada Nichols, Miss Lillie Davis, Mrs. Garnie Falmshee, Mrs. Rene Jenkins, Mrs. Elizabeth Ollivant, Mrs. Viola Nichols, Mrs. Jean Nichols, Mrs. Adda Ollivant, Miss Bernice Ollivant, Miss Betty Young and the hostess, Mrs. Young.

The afternoon was spent in sewing and visiting.

One of the interesting features of the meeting was the different types of rock samples and colored sands and desert holly brought from Death Valley, Calif., by Mr. and Mrs. Young this winter.

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MRS. LAMOREAUX IS HOSTESS TO CLUB

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Edward Lamoreaux was a charming hostess to the members of her pinochle club Wednesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hand.

A delicious luncheon was served to the following members: Mrs. Harold Peterson, Mrs. Arthur Elledge, Mrs. Kenneth Copeland, Mrs. R. M. Ferber, Mrs. Chas. Eagle, Mrs. Joseph Copeland, Mrs. George Jennings, Mrs. Oscar Rader, Mrs. Herman Meyers, Mrs. Edna Adams, Mrs. Alfred Hand.

Mrs. Arthur Elledge and Mrs. Joe Copeland held high score, Mrs. Adams low, and Mrs. Rader won the table prize.

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C. E. OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOLDS PARTY

The members and friends of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Christian church held a very delightful party last evening in the church parlors. Games were played and refreshments were served.

The young people of the Christian church are contesting the adults of the church to an attendance contest for evening church services. The contest will open Sunday evening, Jan. 28, and both sides are urging their friends and members of the church to attend the service. The losing side will have charge of a Sunday evening church service.

ATTACK ON AMERICA!

Startling Expose of U. S. Lack of Defense

By GENERAL ARED WHITE

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S HAPPENED

Unprepared America is under attack by Mexican forces directed by Military Leader Van Hassek. Washington is bombed and the president is killed.

GENERAL HAGUE, chief of staff of the U. S. army.

COLONEL FLAGWILL, chief of U. S. intelligence office.

CAPTAIN BENNING, U. S. intelligence officer, on the trail of Van Hassek's spies, the Austrian Fincke and Italian Colonel Boggio of the Mexican air force. Boggio has known Benning as Lieutenant Bromlitz in the Mexican service.

LIEUTENANT JONES, intelligence assistant to Benning.

Mobilization is incomplete, and the country is panic-stricken.

CHAPTER XIX

"Suppose we meet here on Wednesday morning at eight o'clock," Benning propoied. "We might just as well travel together to the pier."

"Right," Fincke agreed. "Glad to tie up with somebody I can trust."

When Benning passed out of the hotel into the street, Lieutenant Jones promptly joined him. Jones had his private car at the curb and ushered Benning inside.

"Sorry I couldn't get to you sooner, sir," Jones reported. "Your man Boggio came out of the Pujol apartment at six-thirty. The girl friend was with him. Outside they were joined by a man who apparently is Boggio's bodyguard. I followed them to the depot where Boggio and the other fellow took the seven o'clock train for New York. The girl returned home. I didn't have a chance to get word to you sooner, Captain."

Benning studied his watch and made a rapid calculation. The hour was a few minutes short of eight o'clock.

"Drive me at once to the airport, Jones," he directed. "I've still time to meet Boggio when he steps off his train at the Pennsylvania station. Please let Colonel Flagwill know I've developed a very interesting trail."

Lieutenant Jones turned on his radio as the car got in motion toward the airport. General Hague was just coming on the air, introduced to the nation by the secretary of war. Without preliminary the chief of staff began speaking, his voice clear and calm.

"I will speak very frankly to the country," he said. "I will give you general facts it is important for you to understand. First, our inability to prevent invasion is no fault of the army. The army is your army, limited by you through legislation and appropriations. The fact that it is scattered in small posts throughout the country, instead of being concentrated in combat divisions for proper training, is no fault of the war department.

"Briefly, our armies must be assembled slowly from scattered garrisons. Initially our actions must be limited by immediate lack of ammunition reserves and armaments. If we cannot supply adequate anti-aircraft protection to our important cities, deeply as our hearts bleed for them, it is because we have insufficient anti-aircraft.

"But I want to say to you what I said the other night to my associates of the staff. Whatever violence lies ahead, this country will master it. Let our foes mark these words. The United States is unconquerable. Its resources and manpower, its determination and courage, are equal to any conceivable emergency. Whatever reverses may lie ahead of us in the immediate future will only temper our spirit of resistance. Inevitably that day will come when the foes of the United States will meet the mighty vengeance of our massed valor!"

As the chief of staff closed, Lieutenant Jones said bitterly: "I'm sorry he couldn't give them the whole picture, Captain! I mean what a jam the army's in if there's a real invasion."

"Telling too much would only start a new panic," Benning said, sadly shaking his head.

Benning, as they reached the airport, instructed: "Get G-2 on the telephone at Governor's Island at once, Jones. I'd like to have two good intelligence men from first corps area meet me at the Pennsylvania hotel. One of them to be Lieutenant Crane, if he's available."

On disembarking at Newark shortly before ten o'clock, Benning took a cab into the city and drove direct to the Pennsylvania hotel where he found Lieutenant Crane waiting. Crane, a short, chunky young officer with a pleasant, alert face, accepted terse instructions with a crisp "Very good, sir." With him was Sergeant Adams, intelligence police, a seasoned and dependable non-commissioned officer. Both wore business suits.

Benning crossed over to the station as the train from Washington pulled in. Boggio and his henchman got off as soon as the train stopped and hurried out to catch a cab. Benning followed them alone in a second cab while Crane and his sergeant trailed from a discreet distance.

Boggio stopped near the McAlpin hotel to let out his henchmen and drove on to a stone's throw to the Empire State building, where he paid his fare, dismissed the cab, and went inside to be whirred up in an express elevator. Benning waited several minutes until the identical cage returned to the lobby.

"Pardon, I just missed a friend, an Italian in a blue suit and white felt hat," Benning said to the operator. "Did he go to the roof with you?"

"Forty-fifth floor," the operator informed.

Benning shot up to the forty-fifth floor and walked cautiously down the hall. A brief reconnoissance told him there was a light in but one of the offices. He read the legend on the door, "Andes Gold Mining and Milling Company, Inc."

Without pressing his luck any further, he returned to the street.

He had crossed the street, meaning to keep the Empire State under observation against Boggio's return to the street, when his way was barred by the stubby man who had accompanied Boggio from Washington. The fellow's face was bellicose, his hand thrust suggestively in his pocket.

"You was just up pretty high in the big building wasn't you?" the fellow growled close to Benning's ear.

"What of it?" Benning asked.

"Supposing I told you I was up to the forty-fifth to see a friend named Palacio Quatres about buying a pair of silver sabers?"

The man's hostility relaxed somewhat as he heard the Van Hassek words of secret identification. But after searching Benning's face, he shook his head.

"You may be all right, but we're playing no chance," he decided. "What you say to a little jump up to the forty-fifth with me just to make sure?"

"If you insist," Benning said indifferently.

Benning, as they returned across the street, did not risk looking for Crane and the sergeant. With expert eye he watched his own chance of attack. His prompt capitulation had the effect of throwing his captor slightly off guard. As they passed the entrance of a gown shop, Benning seized the fellow's gun arm and drove him into the dark entrance of the shop. The impact crashed the heavy glass door, the two went sprawling inside through a jagged aperture of broken glass.

The Boggio henchman gave a cry of pain as the glass tore into his body, but floundered into battle with a surge of frantic strength that shook his arm free of Benning's grip. Benning regained his hold before the spy could bring a pistol into play. They had staggered to their feet in the uncertain battle over the weapon when Crane and Adams dashed up. A sharp tap of the sergeant's service pistol promptly ended the fray.

"Keep a watch outside, Adams," Benning instructed.

With Crane's help he bound the prisoner's arms. A watchman in tan uniform, attracted by the crash of glass, rushed in with drawn pistol. Crane promptly dismissed the watchman on the mission of notifying the owner of the shop of his broken door.

They were getting their prisoner, still in a daze, on his feet when Sergeant Adams hurried in from the street.

"Your Italian just came down, sir," he reported to Benning. "He's now getting into a cab."

"Follow him!" Benning promptly instructed. "Follow him as long as he stays in New York. If he attempts to leave the city, arrest him. You don't need to be gentle if he gives you any trouble, Sergeant."

"Yes'r," said Adams.

Benning instructed Crane to take the prisoner to Governor's Island, there to be held in close arrest. Crane was next to report to Benning at the near-by McAlpin. Benning walked to that hotel and called Colonel Flagwill on the telephone. Flagwill was tied up in conference with General Hague, and an hour passed before he responded on the telephone. Benning reported events in pertinent detail.

There were several moments of silence as Flagwill's mind scanned through Benning's disclosures, then he burst into excited enthusiasm.

"That sounds like the real quill, Benning—sounds like the trail we've been looking for. Have you decided on any plan of attack?"

"Tonight, sir," Benning replied, "I thought I'd keep entirely away from the Empire State. In the morning I intend to go up to the forty-fifth alone and give the Andes Gold Mining and Milling company the once-over."

Benning was having a late breakfast at his hotel the next morning, after a busy night plotting moves, when Crane came in, his face glum and heavy with tragedy.

"Your Italian got Adams last night," Crane said at once, sinking heavily into a chair at Benning's table.

"Adams, when we brought him to hospital, told me Boggio got suspicious when his henchman failed to join him outside Empire State. He had the cab drive him under the Hudson and headed to the Newark airport. Adams followed closely. Boggio slipped behind a hangar to observe his rear, and as Adams came up, shot without warning. He had a plane waiting at the airport which took off immediately."

"Sorry," Benning said glumly.

"We put out a warning at once," Crane went on. "Our intercepts picked up the engines of the plane over Lexington at two this morning. It was traveling high and fast and must have been Boggio's plane. Our estimates give small hope that pursuit aviation can pick him up in Texas, but we've put heat on the air corps to make a try."

The public radio in the dining-room was buzzing with war bulletins. Van Hassek's attack had jumped off at daybreak, but at eight o'clock had made small progress against the second division.

Enemy bombing had centered on only two cities last night—Galveston and San Antonio. Fort Sam Houston had been heavily pounded and many of its installations destroyed. At Galveston the air raiders had centered on Fort Crockett where the 69th anti-aircraft, one of the army's meager seven anti-aircraft regiments, had drawn the wrath of Van Hassek's bombardiers.

The 69th, short two gun batteries and two machine-gun batteries, had pounded away valiantly and scored two bombers down, but paid the price with one hundred and forty men, three guns and seven searchlights. The 61st anti-aircraft regiment, likewise short two guns and three machine-gun batteries, had been ordered to the fort from Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

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