

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

One Year Overseas



News-Review engraving.

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES HQ., Italy—Cutting a cake for the Oregon members of a Wac platoon in Italy celebrating their first year overseas is 1st Sgt. Bertha F. Wesley, 4114 North Massachusetts avenue, Portland. Gazing on expectantly are Cpl. Anna M. Stewart of Oregon City, Cpl. Gladys L. Maupin of Oakland and Pvt. Maxine L. Pearce, 1122 Sunset avenue, Medford.

Corporal Gladys I. Maupin, Oakland, Ore., is a member of a Wac platoon which recently marked the first anniversary of its overseas service.

They're still talking about the buffet-supper dance which celebrated the occasion. For most of the Wacs it was the closest approach to a home town social event since they came overseas.

True, the ballroom was not strictly Park ave., but they managed to transform a local Italian schoolhouse into a reasonable facsimile, and dined and danced to their hearts' content. (Note to fashion editors: Many wore their new "off duty" dresses—G. I. guests were enthusiastic.)

It was "Remember When?" night and few conversations omitted some reference to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., where the platoon was activated in September, 1943, or the training center at Daytona Beach, Fla., where the platoon trained for overseas duty. But the big date was that day in January, 1944, when the platoon landed at Casablanca, North Africa. They recalled too, the plane trip to Tunis, where they were assigned to headquarters of the

army air forces, Mediterranean theater of operations. A month later the headquarters moved to Italy—and the battle lines were closer.

It hasn't been an easy year, but the Wacs enjoy their work and they have won the respect and admiration of army officers for their efficiency. As stenographers, they work both day and night shifts, alternating the same as G. I.'s doing similar duties.

Off duty, they enjoy numerous recreational facilities. Once a week there's a dance to which they invite their "dates". Their quarters have a spacious recreation hall for such occasions. Then there's a "rumpus room" for the Wacs' exclusive use. Their sleeping quarters are small rooms, decorated in olive drab, with bunks arranged in tiers.

Incidental intelligence: In the year the platoon has been overseas, five members have become brides. A half dozen others are engaged.

"We have the best platoon of Wacs anywhere in the world," says Capt. Theresa C. Mayvintz, 942 Yett ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., the commanding officer. "We're doing our best." Everyone agrees it's a pretty fine job.

Principal of the Yoncalla, Oregon grade school before her enlistment in the Wacs in April of 1943, Cpl. Maupin took her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, then joined the overseas unit. At the present time she is with the teletype section of MAAF, Cpl. Maupin is the sister of Mrs. Florence McNabb of Oakland.

NO-HOST BIRTHDAY DINNER ENJOYED SUNDAY AT HARMPHAM HOME

Mrs. J. P. Bonebrake, Mrs. William Van Buren, W. W. Bonebrake and Mrs. U. F. McLaughlin were guests of honor at a very enjoyable two o'clock no-host dinner at the V. V. Harpham home on Winchester street Sunday. The four guests of honor all had birthdays within the week.

The buffet table was centered with a very beautiful birthday cake flanked by tall pink tapers, while birthday napkins completed the motif for the occasion.

Those enjoying the occasion besides the four guests of honor were: J. F. Bonebrake, Mrs. W. W. Bonebrake, U. F. McLaughlin, George Bonebrake, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Weber, Mrs. R. Eldon McLaughlin, Mrs. Jack Chapman and daughter, Tina Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stock and son, Riley; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bonebrake and two sons, Dickie and Dale; Barbara Ann Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Harpham and twin daughters, Janet and Joyce.

Those present were: Mrs. Lucy Jennings, Mrs. Eunice Sory, Mrs. Mary Prince, Mrs. Hallie Richardson, Mrs. Hargis, Mrs. Catharine Fest and the hostess, Mrs. Trozelle.

The club will meet at a potluck luncheon Feb. 6 at the home of Mrs. Hargis at 1302 W. First St.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ANNOUNCED FOR FEB. 16 AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual World Day of Prayer will be held Feb. 16 at the First Baptist church in Roseburg with both afternoon and evening service being conducted. The general public is cordially invited to attend either afternoon

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASS HAS VERY INTERESTING MEETING ON THURSDAY

An exceptionally interesting meeting of the Mid-Week Bible class of St. Paul's Lutheran church was enjoyed Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Sylvester with Mrs. R. Kaine as co-hostess. The Valentine motif was beautifully carried out in the room decorations and also in the decorations for the refreshments.

The topic study "When Christ Lost His Temper" was taken from Matthew 23 and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Sylvester. Mrs. C. Vang, vice-president, conducted the business session, at which time various phases of church work in which women may take part were discussed and the women enthusiastically responded to do whatever they possibly can to help activities of the local church.

A pleasant social hour followed, at which time two recordings made by Rev. W. F. Georg in Alaska were played. Rev. Mr. Georg is the father of Mrs. W. A. Sylvester and he has been in Alaska supervising the building of a chapel. He had the recordings made in time to send special Christmas greetings to his friends in Portland and which arrived there in time to be presented during the holiday season, after which they were sent to Roseburg to be heard. The two recordings were unusually interesting and were greatly enjoyed.

At the tea hour Mrs. Kaine and Mrs. Sylvester served lovely refreshments to: Mrs. V. Andraeff, Mrs. J. Feldkamp, Mrs. M. Richardson, Mrs. L. Murphy, Mrs. C. Vang, Mrs. W. Vogt, Mrs. L. Vogt, Mrs. B. Fromdahl and Mrs. Daniel; Mrs. E. Gaston, Mrs. Lingman and two grandchildren, Patsy and Richard Thomas; and Rev. W. A. Sylvester and sons, John, Richard and Milton.

The class will meet the afternoon of Feb. 15 at the home of Mrs. V. Andraeff in Edenbower. Members and friends are most cordially invited to be present.

MUSIC RECITAL IS DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR AT RAND HOME FRIDAY

Mrs. C. K. Rand presented a group of her piano pupils in a very delightful recital at her attractive home in Laurel street Friday evening. Parents and relatives of those taking part in the program were invited as guests.

Chrysanthemums were used for decorations and the delightful program was presented by: Ronnie Smith, Barbara Bailey, Doris and John Rand, Wilma and Zola Wilshire and Carolee Hickman. The program closed with a duet played by Carolee Hickman and the teacher, Mrs. Rand.

PAST MATRONS CLUB TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Past Matrons club of Roseburg Chapter of Eastern Star will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, dinner-dance at the home of Mrs. R. L. Whipple at 329 East Douglas street with Mrs. V. J. McCall as co-hostess. All past matrons residing or visiting in Roseburg are invited.

NEWS OF OUR MEN IN UNIFORM

Private Eugene Maddox, son of Mrs. Sylvia Maddox, Lookingglass, Ore., is a member of the 337th Cavalry regiment which recently took 3000-foot Mount Pratone in the Gothic line in Italy, digging German soldiers out of elaborate concrete pillboxes and earthworks on frosted slopes.

T. S. Harold Russell, son of Mrs. Alice Russell, Roseburg, has been awarded the Bronze Star, according to a report received by his mother. Details of the accomplishment for which the medal was given were not reported. The Bronze Star is awarded for some particularly meritorious service. Russell, who has been in Italy for the past eight months, is a graduate of Roseburg High school and was employed at the Rose hotel prior to entering military service nearly two years ago.

Edward B. Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hart, Riddle, was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. naval reserve when he was graduated recently from midshipman's school at Northwestern University, Chicago. He completed a four months course which included navigation, seamanship, damage control, communications, ordnance, gunnery and other subjects.

Private Albert N. Anderson, Roseburg, armored reconnaissance driver, is a member of the South tank destroyer battalion which recently was awarded the

Croix de Guerre by the French government in recognition of support given French troops fighting on the Italian front. The battalion is credited with having saved the medieval center of culture, Siena, from destruction. They outflanked the city so rapidly they forced the Germans to evacuate it before any damage was caused.

Gifted Harpist Charms Audience At Junior High

By L. K. P.

Members of the Community Concert association were completely enthralled Thursday evening, when Mildred Dilling, one of the world's most famous harpists presented a concert at Junior High school building. She was accorded the utmost quiet and attention throughout the entire program. Every number was enthusiastically applauded and the guest artist was most gracious with encores.

Miss Dilling, who has played command performances before royalty and at the White House, and has received the highest praise from music critics and the best newspapers throughout the world, was as charming and gracious in presenting her concert in Roseburg, as if there were thousands of people in the audience.

In addition to playing the concert numbers, Miss Dilling showed several harps in her famous collection and told of the history of the instrument. This part of the program proved most entertaining to both young and adult members of the association. She invited all persons interested to see her harp at the close of the concert and was accommodating to those seeking autographs.

Many members of the association vote her as the finest personality to date to be heard in Roseburg and her artistry as a harpist is beyond ordinary words of a complimentary nature. Every number played by Miss Dilling was beautifully done. From the opening number, "Bourree" by Bach, to the closing number, "Legende" by Renie, her poise, charm and ease with which she played were superb.

Perhaps "Lafayette et la vieille", by Godefrid, was the most enthusiastically received and among the many encores, the two pieces, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" and "Old-Fashioned Music Box," were greatly enjoyed. Miss Dilling was also most gracious in playing especially requested encores.

Although Columbia Concerts Inc. presents only great artists, members of the Community Concert association in Roseburg, feel that Miss Dilling is certainly among those artists at the top of the list.

DIAL-LOG

By SUSAN

The news schedule for Sunday has improved to such an extent that you are now getting as complete a coverage as on any other day of the week. We remember saying that it was a relief not to have news shouted at us all day long. Well, times have changed, and now we interrupt ourselves getting impatient with some of the shows because we'd rather hear what's cooking in the Russo-Berlin or Manila stew. While we still have Sunday afternoon packed to the brim with good shows, we can relax and enjoy them because we know that if there's a news flash of importance, the show will be interrupted immediately so that we may hear it. You'll find a new series of Garden Talks beginning this Sunday at 3:30. And if you like a good argument, don't overlook "Reviewing Stand" at 8:30 in the evening.

Be sure to tune in early next Monday morning, so you won't miss any of the good shows that will be coming your way. Take It Easy Time, 8:30; Lanny and Ginger, 8:55; and, best of all, the premiere of Songs for Morton Downey at 9:15. As we told you before, Morton Downey will not appear in person on the show until February 20, but Felix Knight will appear during the first week as guest star. Hence the title, "Songs for Morton Downey," which will be changed to "Songs by Morton Downey" when the gentleman in question gets back to work. And, from the closed-circuit preview we had, we can assure you that he's well worth waiting for.



CONDUCT AFFAIRS TEEN AGE CLUB—Pictured above are the members of the student committee in charge of the teen age club of Roseburg high school students. Members are, front row, from left, Marilyn Preston, Joyce Bartley, Yvonne Byrd; center, at left, Grace Covert, right, Mrs. Aileen Peterson, director of recreation; back row, from left, Tom Dillard, John Ulrich, Stanley Mitchell. The club enjoyed a successful opening of its canteen Friday night at the Roseburg armory, where arrangements have been made for dancing, reading, games, etc., each Friday night, with a twice-weekly program planned at a later date.



HOME FROM PHILIPPINES—These seven Oregonians are among Seabee survivors newly arrived at Camp Parks, Calif., from D. day at Mindoro. Left to right (starting with top row): Roy V. Bell, 21, seaman first class, Salem; Julian Croy, 28, carpenter's mate third class, Houlton; Carl E. Gaddis, 23, carpenter's mate first class, Portland; William D. Gawler, 33, shipfitter first class, 733 Micelli St., Roseburg; Leroy F. Johnson, 21, machinist's mate third class, Garibaldi; H. H. Kohlschoen, 44, carpenter's mate first class, Marshfield; and H. M. Saling, 32, Hood River.

Editor Successor to Roseburg Girl Named

CORVALLIS, Feb. 2—(AP)—Editorship of the Barometer, Oregon State college student newspaper, still remains in tentative hands.

Betty Lu Nixon, Portland, was named editor to succeed Pat Glenn Hagood, Roseburg, who left college to be married. In pre-war days the editorship was a traditionally masculine function.

Fine Is Paid. A fine of \$10 was paid in Roseburg justice court yesterday, by Lewis E. Bugenig, who pleaded guilty, Judge Thomas Hartfield reported, to operating a motor vehicle without P. U. C. permit.

D. A. R. Cancels Meet. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—(AP)—The Daughters of the American Revolution have called off their 54th continental congress, scheduled for Chicago in April. This was in conformance with the government convention ban.

Thieves Take Meat.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2—(AP)—Burglars who broke into a Portland cafe sought to be well fed on four hams, 40 pounds of meat, three slabs of bacon and \$100 to buy the trimmings.

More Blood Needed

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2—(AP)—Portland's Red Cross blood donor center has received an urgent Army-Navy call for 2400 donors for whole blood or for blood plasma next week.

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Tualatin Valley Farm Loan Assns. Merge

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Feb. 2—(AP)—Consolidation of four farm loan associations to form the Tualatin Valley association was revealed today by M. S. Stook, secretary of the new group.

Cash settlement of outstanding stocks gives the firm a loan volume of \$1,500,000. Stook said.

South America Highway Movies Shown to Lions

Ken Lucas of Portland was guest entertainer at the Roseburg Lions club dinner meeting, held Wednesday evening at the Rainbow grille. Mr. Lucas presented

technicolor films of the new highway through South America. Bill Holmes was introduced as a member of the club.

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Mr. L. Marlett, Comptroller of Bonneville Power Administration will give a very interesting talk. All members are urged to attend.

The REA office will be closed the afternoon of the meeting.

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