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Y. M. C. A. FUND DRIVE NOW ON IN EARNEST

SUCCESS SEEMS ASSURED

Columbia County Must Raise \$1,500 as Her Share.

The campaign to raise the \$35,000,000 needed by the Y. M. C. A. for army and navy work is now in full swing and reports from all over the country indicate that the people of the United States realize and appreciate the importance of the work and are responding liberally. The slogan adopted by the Y. M. C. A. workers is "If you can't go over the top, help the man who goes there for you."

A mass meeting was held in the city hall Wednesday night for the purpose of acquainting the people with the necessity of the work to be done. There were about 100 present. LaBare's orchestra volunteered their services and rendered several patriotic airs. Prof. J. H. McCoy sang a solo and responded to an encore. Glen R. Metsker, chairman of the speaker's committee, in a few well chosen and appropriate remarks introduced Rev. C. C. Rarick, of Portland, who delivered an address setting forth the importance of the work to be accomplished. He was followed by Rev. William T. Gordon, who, in a few minutes, impressed the audience with his sincerity for the Y. M. C. A. cause and his interest in the work.

A. L. Stone, chairman of the executive committee, wishes to impress upon his campaign workers and those who will be called on, that while the quota of the county was originally set at \$1,500, that in the light of recent developments in Italy and Russia, which indicates that the war will continue longer than was supposed, the amount originally thought to be sufficient to carry on the work will not be enough, and it is the idea of the Y. M. C. A. war fund workers to double the amount asked so that another call will not soon be necessary.

In St. Helens A. F. Barnett has been chosen as team captain, and has named J. S. Brown, Rees Hall and H. P. Ross as his assistants, and they are already on the job calling on those who wish to aid in the work. R. H. Rawson has charge of the work at the creosoting plant, and H. R. Hudson will look after the work at the Columbia County Lumber Co., while Gus Weist, superintendent of the Milton Creek Logging Co., will see that the employes of his company will do their share. S. W. Dahlgren at Warren, C. H. English at Deer Island, and R. F. Niblock at Scappoose, will faithfully attend to the work in their districts, and J. B. Wilkerson is looking after his part in Vernonia. The drive will end on Monday, the 19th, and at that time Mr. Stone hopes to have money and subscription pledges in the hands of Miss Amy George, the treasurer, sufficient to fill or double the amount asked of the county, which amounts to only 25 cents per capita. So when the subscription man comes around, extend him the welcome hand and be sure that the hand has a substantial contribution for the Y. M. C. A. war fund.

Remember the Y. M. C. A. serves the soldiers both at home and abroad, and the 6,000,000 in prison camps and the 14,000,000 men under arms. It's a big job and we must help.

RED CROSS DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

Oswald Deming, who has charge of the big Red Cross dance, announces that all is in readiness for the affair which will take place tomorrow night at the city hall. A number of tickets have been sold and a large attendance is assured. The music will be furnished by Sutcliffe's orchestra of Portland. The patronesses are Mrs. W. H. Hoskin, Mrs. S. C. Morton, Mrs. Harold Broughton, Mrs. L. J. Van Orshoven, Mrs. Frank George, Mrs. Eugene Blakesley, Mrs. Virgil Stevens, Mrs. H. E. Cornthwaite, Mrs. N. B. McCormick, Mrs. E. A. Rotger, Mrs. A. F. Barnett and Mrs. Thos. Isbister. The dancing will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

SPECIAL ROAD TAX IS SUGGESTED

Four Districts to Have Meetings on November 24.

Four road districts will have special meetings on November 24, for the purpose of deciding whether or no special road taxes will be levied in the respective districts. In District No. 5 the meeting will be held in the Beaver Homes Grange hall. In District No. 3, the meeting will be held in the Yankton Grange hall. In District No. 10 the meeting will be held in the Spitzenberg schoolhouse. In the St. Helens district, the meeting will be held in the city hall. The hour of 1 o'clock p. m. has been set as the time of the meetings. Evidently the taxpayers in the districts mentioned favor good roads and are willing to tax themselves for the building of additional roads within their districts.

MOTOR SHIP ALLARD IS HOME AGAIN

Completes Fast Voyage to Columbia River From Australia.

The motor vessel S. I. Allard, which sailed from St. Helens the first part of June laden with 2,000,000 feet of lumber for delivery at Sydney, Australia, is again in home water, having arrived in Astoria Wednesday afternoon. Coming up the river, the vessel was delayed by fogs, so did not pass St. Helens until yesterday afternoon. She is laden with a cargo of copra which was loaded at Tonga. She sailed from the South Sea island port on October 3, making the trip to Honolulu in 20 days. From Honolulu to the Columbia river, 15 days were consumed. The vessel is in command of S. C. Mitchell, a well known coast mariner, and he is being congratulated on the performance of the vessel. After discharging her cargo of copra, the Allard will load a return cargo for the Antipodes.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

By J. W. Allen.
L. P. Harrington, L. J. Allen, D. C. Howard and Supt. J. W. Allen have visited many schools in the county during the past week in interest of club work. Among the schools visited were West Scappoose, Scappoose, Warren, Deer Island, Goble, Beaver Homes, Delena, Lost Creek, Downing, Quincy, Marshland and Woodson. Mr. Harrington represents the state superintendent's office in Salem, being directly interested in all industrial activities for the girls and boys of this state. L. J. Allen represents the O. A. C. and is bringing forth the hog raising industry.

Columbia county will have more club members than ever before. It is expected that one or more clubs will be organized in every school during the year.

The requirements for standard schools have been sent out to all schools in the county. Schools that have previously standardized should maintain their standard and fully comply with every requirement. The school boards are advised to declare November 30 a holiday so as to make Thanksgiving really worth while. It is almost impossible to have school in this day, owing to the fact that pupils are loth to attend since custom has decreed this day a holiday in school affairs.

January 11 will be visitors' day for Columbia county. All parents are asked to visit their schools on this day, also any other day that they may so desire.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, Thursday night, Miss Elsie Corkhill and James O'Connor were united in marriage, the Rev. Wm. Breck officiating. Only the close relatives and intimate friends of the contracting couple were present. After a wedding supper the happy couple left on the night train en route for Seattle, where they will spend their honeymoon. Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are well and favorably known in St. Helens and have many friends who tender congratulations and best wishes.

CONTINUE ROAD WORK DURING WINTER

State Highway Commission Makes Decision.

The state highway commission has decided to continue road work during the winter months wherever it is possible to do so. In Columbia county the work on the concrete bridges on the Delena cutoff will be continued and other road work done. It is stated that work in the vicinity of Goble will also continue.

S. Benson says that there is no good reason why road work should not continue during the war. Recently a request was made by the lumbermen's committee praying that road work be modified during the war and that labor so engaged be released for lumbering operations. In discussing the request, Mr. Benson said:

"I have talked with many lumbermen since the resolution was presented and find that it is not in keeping with the general sentiment, which favors continuance of road work. The men who drafted the resolution are not unknown to me. They have always been opposed to highway construction.

"I assert that the labor used in building roads is not the labor of the logging camps. For the most part it is recruited from farmers of the localities through which the work runs, who are looking for temporary jobs between farm seasons.

"Highway construction is not being pushed extensively at present. The state is doing only such work as serves to connect up existing highways that are of prime importance for military or economic purposes.

"The commission discussed the resolution last Tuesday. We came to the conclusion that we are not interfering with the production of food, lumber, or anything that is essential to the prosecution of the war.

"Another thing to be considered is that there will be a large surplus of labor during the winter, which cannot be used for anything else save road work. It is important that some road work should be going on to take care of this surplus. There is quite a large proportion of labor, as well, that is skilled in paving, rockwork and road construction, that will not work at anything else.

"Road work will not be abandoned. There is no reason why it should be half dozen very good reasons why it should be continued."

ST. HELENS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Our last football game was played with Clatskanie. The boys forgot about winning, so the game was lost. The score was 41-6. The next game is to be played with Rainier next Saturday, on Rainier's field. A large crowd of rooters are going down and an all around good time is expected.

The first edition of the high school paper for this term was published this week. It is a paper the high school cannot help being proud of.

This is test week. Like all other high school students we "rejoice and celebrate" this week of weeks. We have complied with the teachers' demands by racking our brains for dates and definitions that have long since flown.

Rev. Gordon, of Astoria, addressed the student body Wednesday morning. His one great aim is to connect young people with the church. His theme was "The co-operation with the schools and churches."

Tuesday morning the students of the high school and eighth grade were addressed by Mr. Kerr and Mr. Washlet, representatives of the Y. M. C. A. Work of the Y. M. C. A. is new to the European countries. The French government has requested that 500 Y. M. C. A. secretaries be sent to France. Since the outcome of the war depends upon the morale of the men in the army, and since the Y. M. C. A. huts in the camps furnish desirable recreation for the enlisted men, it is necessary that this work be continued. It has been estimated that \$35,000,000 will be required for this work; \$1,000,000 is to be donated by the colleges and \$1,000,000 by the high schools. Lester Lake, Caly Stanwood, Arline Paulson and Lucile Lyburner have been appointed to collect the donations from the upper end of county.

THE ESKIMO IN HIS NORTHLAND HOME

Students of Nature.

(M. J. Brown)
If there is an American citizen the people know very little about, it is the Eskimo.

The Alaska Eskimos are brown; while races in the same latitude in this Eastern Hemisphere, bordering on the same sea, are fair. The inference is that the Eskimos in past ages came from Japan or China. The features are strikingly similar to the Mongolians. From Cape Prince of Wales, north of Nome, on a fair day, East Cape, in Asia, may be seen across Bering Straits, a distance of 40 miles. About a third of the way across are some small islands, which are the property of this country. A few miles beyond are other islands of the Diomedea group and they are in Asia. The international boundary is between them; and it is also a date line. Ages ago, the wild natives of Siberia saw the little islands out in the straits, and they paddled their kyaks out to them. From these islands they could see the coast line of an unknown land, and no doubt a big chief, filled with Columbus ambition, dared the others to follow his lead and get in on the ground floor before the Nome gold rush came.

Just how it all happened is anybody's guess, but a good one is that some of them reached the Alaska coast. The waters between Alaska and Siberia are rough and dangerous, and they dreaded the return trip. Perhaps the girls were seasick and refused to use their return tickets. Perhaps they found favorable hunting and good fishing with no closed season or bag limit, and decided to stay. Anyhow they did stay, and a new race began. That race yet inhabits the coasts of northern and southern Alaska, and they live much as they did ages ago.

The Eskimo village at St. Michael is a cluster of one-room huts and filth. I went through the village several times smelling and seeing, and the only reason I could find for cholera or smallpox not breaking out was the fact that winter keeps the filth in cold storage the most of the time.

There was no drainage or other sanitary precautions around the St. Michael Eskimo annex. The frost water ran down from higher land, mixed with the village refuse and there was mud and filth a foot deep around some of the huts, and yet in this unsanitary surroundings there was apparent health. The children were dirty and ill-smelling, but robust and vulgarly healthy. And there were children galore. Nearly every married woman has a half dozen in tow and one on her back, held in position with her parka.

The native ingenuity of these people is remarkable. Their kyaks—walrus skin canoes—are wonders of workmanship. I examined several on the shore, and a native who could speak a little English showed me one he had just finished. The lacing together of many skins over a skeleton frame work is a task a white man could not accomplish. It takes infinite patience and time to make one of these canoes, but time and patience are the most abundant things with the Eskimos. For a long time I watched a squaw at the making of a wooden dish. It was like our chopping bowls. We could buy one for a dollar, but this squaw worked days on it. The original wood was a part of a drift wood stump. She was making of it a food container and the only tools she had was a piece of band iron which she used as a scraper. The rest of the work was done by fire. She would take coals from a fire, put them on the wood, move them from place to place, fan them and add bits of fuel to them. When she had charred all over the hollow she would rake out the fire and scrape the charred surface with the piece of iron. I watched her for a long time and endeavored to break into conversation, but she utterly ignored my presence.

The Eskimos are wonderful sailors and it is seldom one is lost at sea. They can read the elements and discern danger where an American would never think it existed. If you wanted to take a boat trip, the native would gladly take you but you must

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RED CROSS BRANCH FOR ST. HELENS

Better Work Can Be Accomplished, So Ladies Think.

The St. Helens Red Cross, which is an auxiliary to the Portland chapter, will endeavor to have St. Helens designated as a branch instead of auxiliary, as it is at the present, and think more and better work can be accomplished by being a branch. With this end in view, Mrs. Harold Broughton will go to Portland this morning to take the matter up at the general meeting of the state committee. Either S. C. Morton, A. F. Barnett or L. R. Rutherford will go to represent the business men of St. Helens in the matter. If the suggestion that separate headquarters be maintained in the many towns throughout the state which now have a Red Cross membership of more than 100 is favorably acted upon, it is expected that more efficient and intelligent work can be done than under the present system. If such branches are organized, and allowed to conduct their own business, the purchases for the necessary articles will be made in the town or the most advantageous trading center by some one duly authorized to make such purchases, and each branch will know just how they stand financially.

The St. Helens Red Cross is continuing the good work of preparing needed articles for the soldier boys and the membership is steadily increasing. The ladies wish to thank all who contributed to the Christmas boxes for the soldier boys, and especially thank J. H. Thatcher for his liberal donation of tobacco, and R. Constant for the gift of the elegant bathtub which will soon be awarded to some lucky ticket holder.

STATE LIBRARIAN VISITS ST. HELENS

Comes in Interest of Food Conservation Campaign.

Miss Cornelia Marvir, of Salem, state librarian, was a visitor in St. Helens Wednesday and met with the library committee. Her mission, in addition to looking over the library, was in connection with the food conservation campaign, Mr. Ayer, the state representative of this movement having put up the work of following up the pledge card work into the hands of the state and local librarians. Miss Marvir said that signing the pledge cards was not all that was needed, but the question that now arises is what to substitute and how. The questions are answered in books and pamphlets which will be found in the library. The books are very helpful and those interested in food conservation should, by all means, avail themselves of the opportunity of securing them.

While in St. Helens Miss Marvir visited the local library and complimented the members on the fine showing made. She was much pleased with the collection of books and the selection of them. In the entire library there were, she said, only four books which she would eliminate, and these books weren't really bad, but didn't "amount to much." The ladies of the library feel much gratified over the favorable report that the library has received and the helpful suggestions and advice which the state librarian gave them.

The library is soon to have a shipment of books on technical subjects which will interest those engaged in shipbuilding and milling operations, and the librarian wishes it known that if anyone in St. Helens has in mind any book or books they would like to read or study, if they will inform her the books will be obtained for them.

REGULAR MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. W. Allen and a very interesting program was presented. The program for next meeting includes descriptions of the west coast and northern Chile, South America, and poetry by several members. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Huba Blakesley.

It is desired that a large number of the members be in attendance.

CHRISTMAS BOXES OFF TO SOLDIER BOYS

CHRISTMAS CHEER SENT Red Cross and Honor Guard Do Not Overlook Boys at Front.

This week forty-six boxes containing loving remembrances and Christmas cheer were mailed to the men and boys from St. Helens who are now serving in the army and navy. They were sent by the ladies of the St. Helens Red Cross who undertook to supply the volunteers while the Honor Guard girls will see that all of the drafted men are cared for. Several of the St. Helens boys are now on foreign soil and others in camp at Atlantic ports waiting orders to embark, and from Camp Lewis, Washington, comes the news that almost daily men are being entrained and sent east to be in readiness for transportation to England and France. Both the Red Cross and the Honor Guard have a slogan, "A Christmas box for every soldier," and are making preparations to carry out this idea and see that not a soldier boy from St. Helens is forgotten or missed, for the least those who stay at home can do is to remember those who have answered the call to arms. The little contribution boxes placed in the several business houses in St. Helens were recently collected, and almost \$10 was added to the Honor Guard soldier boy fund. The first collection amounted to more than \$10 and the boxes are still working, so the girls will have quite a tidy sum to expend on little necessities and luxuries for the boys in service.

No doubt there will be a big bunch of Columbia county boys in the far off country Christmas day, and that day of all days they will open the packages sent by the loved ones at home and know they are not forgotten. The Mist is glad of the interest being taken in the matter and wants to remind those not members of either the Red Cross or the Honor Guard that there is still sufficient time for packages to be prepared and mailed to the boys at Camp Lewis, in New York, Washington, D. C., or any other camp in which the boys may be, and while we are having the Christmas cheer at home, our boys, to a certain extent, will be sharing that cheer with us. Remember what Christmas means to us, and then think of what it also means to the boys away from home. Some will be homesick and heartsick, and that little remembrance from you will go a long way with the boy in khaki. Begin now on that Christmas box.

OF THIRTY CALLED SEVENTEEN RESPOND

Twelve Claim Exemption and Three Are Aliens.

From the thirty men called for physical examination only seventeen responded and twelve of this number claimed exemption. If the exemption claims are allowed another call will be made in order to obtain the number sufficient to fill the county's quota. Those who did not report are John Sinich, Geo. A. Keys, Luka Skato, Elmer F. Colvin, Alden W. John, Nelson S. Rogers, Antone Antonopale, Bernardino Barbers, Peter Engilminitti, H. F. Richardson, Otto Koski, John F. Campbell and Michael A. Gallan. Of this number three are already in the army, Elmer Colvin, Nelson Rogers and H. F. Richardson, and, of course, were not expected to appear. Alden W. John is in Lake county and hasn't had time to appear, but it is certain he will soon be on hand. Of the twelve who claimed exemption, three based their claims on account of being aliens and nine on account of having dependents. Those who did not claim exemption were Charles Jurmu, Robert W. Harvey, Jans P. Hansen, John Callas and J. W. Hunt. It is possible that more of the men who failed to respond will show up at a later date. If not, they will be classed as slackers and the government will take a hand in running them down.

One hundred and fifteen women track workers now are welding picks, shovels and crowbars, maintaining the roadbed of the Pennsylvania railroad between New York and Pittsburgh.