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## Miss Vandermullen Becomes Bride of Sgt. Bernard Gruis

At a quiet ceremony, Miss Bethal Vandermullen and Sgt. Bernard H. Gruis exchanged nuptial vows yesterday afternoon at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gruis.

The double ring service was read by Rev. Mark A. Talney, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, before the immediate families of the young couple, in a room decorated with spring flowers.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vandermullen of La Grande, was given in marriage by her mother. She chose as her wedding ensemble a three-piece tailored suit of light blue wool, with a white jacket and a short flaring veil and white accessories. Her corsages were gardenias and red roses.

Miss Donna Bay, cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor, she was attired in a tailored suit of lemon yellow, and white accessories and wearing a corsage of tallman roses and blue iris.

A reception was held after the ceremony. A buffet supper was served, and in the traditional manner, the first piece of the wedding cake was cut by the newly married couple. Presiding were Mrs. Edna Krebs and Mrs. Dick Young, sisters of the bridegroom.

Guests were Mrs. Ella Kolb and Mrs. Maude Shuelakey, sisters of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bay, Mrs. Intha Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gruis, Mrs. Don Gruis and her child, Mrs. Krebs, Mrs. Young, Miss Donna Bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gruis. Out of town guests were Mrs. Kolb and Mrs. Shuelakey, both of Portland.

Gruis returned recently after 30 months active duty in the African and Italian theaters, where he served with a tank corps battalion. He expects to depart soon for additional overseas duty.

## Social Calendar

- MONDAY
  - 7:30 p. m. Loyal Star Lodge, Neighborhood club house.
  - 8 p. m. IAM auxiliary, Mrs. Wilma Robbins, 1310 Z avenue.
- TUESDAY
  - 7:30 p. m. St. Ann's guild, USO rooms.
  - 7:30 p. m. Neighbors of Woodcraft, IOOF hall.
- WEDNESDAY
  - 2 p. m. Northside Improvement club, club-house.
- THURSDAY
  - 2 p. m. Sewing group, VFW auxiliary, Mrs. R. H. Seaton, 1330 W avenue.
  - 7:30 p. m. B. of R. T. auxiliary, Neighborhood club house.

## Mrs. Mary Heassler Entertains Sorority

Mrs. Mary Heassler was hostess to Delta Kappa Gamma sorority Saturday evening at her home in the Melville apartments, with Miss Norma Mayger, the assistant hostess.

A business meeting followed a dessert course. Gifts were assembled to be sent to Union county veterans at McCaw hospital who have birthdays in May. The sorority also will send cards for a birthday party.

The program was presented by Miss Amanda Zabel, who conducted a constitutional quiz, and Miss Arta Lawrence who gave a book review.

## Society Briefs

Miss Jeanne Meserve, former La Grande resident, was the guest this weekend of Mrs. and Mrs. William Hamilton. She returned to Portland where she teaches in a public school.

Mrs. Wesley Bond has returned from Bellingham, Wash., where she was called by the death of her sister, Mrs. Dewey Jones.



WHAT, NO SODA BAR?—Artist's drawing of a new-type Pullman "junior club car" for youngsters shows the rolling fun house that young train travelers will have to themselves while parents relax. Under supervision of a stewardess children will be able to enjoy a marionette show, games, toys, and chute-the-chute reached through a concealed stairway. No, Junior, not now—after the war.

## Aid of People Is Asked by Truman In Guiding Nation

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states is to serve and not dominate the peoples of the world. He promised Americans that "we shall never cease our struggle to preserve and maintain our American way of life," and said: "Let me assure the forward-looking people of America that there will be no relaxation in our efforts to improve the lot of the common people."

Pleading for unity, he said the "entire world is looking to America for enlightened leadership to peace and progress."

"Such a leadership requires vision, courage and tolerance," he said. "It can be provided only by a united nation deeply devoted to the highest ideals."

"With great humility I call upon all Americans to help me keep our nation united in defense of these ideals which have been so eloquently proclaimed by Franklin Roosevelt."

### Meets High Officials

Mr. Truman, who had been at work at the White House at 8:15 a. m., arrived at the capitol at 12:28 p. m. He went to Speaker Sam Rayburn's office where many big government officials and members of congress awaited him. He talked with them before going into the house chamber to deliver his speech.

Cabinet members already present when Mr. Truman entered were Attorney General Francis Biddle, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of Navy James Forrestal, Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace and Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard.

Also arriving at the speaker's office just prior to the president's entrance were British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and British Ambassador Lord Halifax. Mr. Truman had conferred with them earlier at the White House.

In a humble mood, the new head of the American government appealed to every American regardless of race, creed or color, to support our efforts to build a strong and lasting, united nations organization.

He made a forthright appeal to congress, of which he had been a member, for help and cooperation.

Repeatedly he spoke of the necessity of avoiding a flimsy peace which would lead to future conflict.

"To destroy greedy tyrants with dreams of world domination, we cannot continue in successive generations to sacrifice our finest youth. In the name of human decency and civilization, a more rational method of deciding national differences must and will be found."

The gravity of his role in the future of the world was reflected in the simple way Mr. Truman told the congress that "at this moment, I have in my heart a prayer. As I assume my heavy duties, I humbly pray to Almighty God, in the words of Solomon:

"Give, therefore, thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad, for who is able to judge this thy so great people?"

And then the new president concluded his first appearance as chief executive in the halls of congress by saying:

"I ask only to be a god and faithful servant of my Lord and my people."

## Man's Head, Hands Found in Suitcase

FORT BRAGG, Calif., April 16 (UP)—A red-haired human head and two hands were found in a suitcase full of clothing in the woods near Fort Bragg, the Mendocino county sheriff's office reported today.

The discovery was made by Jack Myers, an employe of a lumber company.

Sheriff B. J. Broadus said the head was that of a man. He said the head and hands were wrapped in a pair of pants and stuffed into an airtight metal suitcase full of clothing.

Broadus said a note found in the clothing requested that Mrs. A. C. Barber of Lakeland, Minn., be notified "in case of accident."

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## GET YOUR Extra Red Points



For every pound of good fat you get 2 red points toward your extra red points. Used fat is still urgently needed to make battlefield medicines and home-front essentials.

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## Extension Service Festival Attracts 165 Homemakers

With Dr. James Millar of the Oregon council of churches, and Miss Frances Clinton, assistant state home demonstration leader, as the principal speakers, the homemakers' festival of the extension service attracted 165 members of 13 Union county home extension units to the IOOF hall Saturday.

Dr. Millar spoke at the morning service, fitting his remarks to the spirit of the day, paying tribute to President Roosevelt. The assemblage observed a 10-minute period of silence held in his honor, while Miss Mary Jasper played appropriate music.

Miss Clinton, the luncheon speaker, commended the women on their interest and co-operation in the extension program.

The afternoon program was presented by the various units. The Starkey unit presented a skit on "Let's Have Fewer Colds." The Catherine Creek unit had prepared an exhibit of meals presenting good nutrition, and Mrs. Forrest Scroggins presented a vocal number.

The Park unit demonstrated the styling of springs in inner spring cushions. Participating were Mrs. Gladys Lopez, representing the Kappa group, and Mrs. Loree Tucker and Mrs. Paul Wilson demonstrating the easy method of ironing a shirt.

## Queen's Ball Is Colorful Event Of Social Season

Miss Elma Larson reignited over the Queen's Ball held last weekend in the ballroom of the LDS amusement hall.

Capt. Walter Buckley escorted her from the spring garden scene, where she was seated in a swing, to the green and gold throne to be crowned by Gleaner Girl Jennie Ricks.

Judy Westenskow was flower girl, and her cousin, Sheri Westenskow, was crown bearer.

Larry Brunette presented the Modernettes in their first public appearance. They sang three numbers for the queen and her court. Members of the Modernettes are Donaldson Bull, Florence Hart, Patricia Perkins, Rosella Price, Marlene Roe, Edith Hendrickson, Betty Lou De Bole, Kathleen Steffin, Doris Jean Hill and Nancy Lamb.

As a culmination of the year's work in the art of ballroom dancing 12 couples of young people presented for the queen's approval, the French minuet. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Attending was a large crowd of members and their invited guests, both from Union and La Grande. Mrs. G. R. Williams presided at the punch bowl.

Arrangements for the event were under the direction of Leta Westenskow and Thomas Dike, presidents of the MIA.

Opening the door of a refrigerator raises the temperature from 1 to 3 degrees.

### TEN OUT OF 300

Although there are 380 salmon fly patterns, the average fisherman seldom uses more than 10. The one reported used most frequently and successfully is the Jack Scott.

## Nation Faces Worst Clothing Shortage Since Start of War

By S. BURTON HEATH And DOUGLAS LARSEN WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (NEA)—We can keep secrets as well as the next fellows can, but this one has leaked out already in some mysterious fashion. There's evidence of a clothing shortage in the United States.

Mother wants a house dress. She says she hasn't a thing to put on her back. Father needs a white shirt to wear to church. Sister would look sweet in dotted Swiss or voile. And baby brother can't go around, yet, without diapers. Papa's and big brother's work pants are disgracefully ragged and their work gloves just aren't, any more. The rest of the family wardrobe is getting patchy, particularly when both laundering and dry cleaning



Collegiate fad of wearing blue denim has contributed to shortage of work clothes.

take so long that they keep garments out of use for extended periods.

There is a clothing shortage here, though in any other country in the world, today, eyes would pop almost out of heads if our retail stocks were suddenly made available there.

### Many Items Disappear

The clothing situation, for the entire nation, is in its worst condition since the war began. Item after item has disappeared from racks and shelves. Many desirable garments are going to be harder to find this summer and autumn than ever before.

But except in certain lines, there really is no shortage. For almost everything that can't be had, there is a fairly acceptable substitute. In at least some instances supplies actually are greater than before the war, and it is only the prosperity intensified demand that makes many goods hard to obtain.

The most acute shortages, in order of tightness, are in work gloves, work clothing, children's clothing and women's stockings.

Government agencies insist that there is plenty of raw cotton and machines with which to fabricate it. The shortage, so far as cotton goods go, is in manpower. The office of civilian requirements also insists there is and has been no shortage of wool.

## RATION CALENDAR

**Processed Foods:**  
Book 4—Blue stamps C2 through G2 valid through April 28. Blue stamps H2 through M2 valid through June 2. Blue stamps N2 through S2 valid through June 30. Blue stamps T2 through X2 valid through July 31.

**Meat, Butter, Fats, Cheese:**  
Book 4—Red stamps T5 through X5 through April 28. Red stamps Y5 through D2 valid through June 2. Red stamps E2 through J2 valid through June 30. Red stamps K2 through P2 valid through July 31.

**Sugar:**  
Book 4—Sugar stamp 35 valid through June 2. New sugar stamp valid May 1.

**Shoes:** Loose stamps invalid. Book 3—Airplane stamps 1-2-3 now valid.

**Gasoline:** Coupons not valid unless endorsed. "A" 15 coupons expire June 21.

**Stoves:** Apply local board for oil, gas stove certificates.

**Wood, Coal, Sawdust:** Delivery by priorities based on needs.

**Fuel Oil:** Period 1-2-3-4-5 coupons valid through August 31. Not more than 92 per cent of season's rations should have been used to date.

**Waste Paper:** Bundles of newspapers and magazines may be left at the storage depot, 1106 Jefferson ave.

clothing for either men or women, but that the appearance of one has been created by a tremendous spurt in demand plus the disappearance of certain favorite fabrics. Wool itself is not scarce, says the OCR, but manpower is not adequate to fabricate enough to satisfy demand.

One major reason for the appearance of shortage has been over-concentration upon the more expensive garments, which makes it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to find moderate-priced suits and dresses. This is to be remedied by a new program allocating most of the available yarns to lower-priced garments.

College girls and their imitators are blamed for part of the trouble with work clothing. They are running around in denim slacks made with material that should have been used for work pants, shirts, overalls, frocks, etc., the department of labor says. But this is a secondary consideration. The military is to blame, if you insist.

The boys who are fighting the Nazis in Europe and the Japs in the Pacific require an enormous quantity of duck for tents and tarpaulins. They also are burning up vast numbers of heavy-duty tires that use cord made in competition with that duck.

### Tire Cord Vital

By running the looms 16 hours a day, the WPB has kept a reasonable supply of tires going to the war fronts and has supplied about 80 percent of the vital military need for duck. Half again as much fabric could be made, satisfying military demand and leaving enough for work gloves and clothing—if there were trained help to operate the mills a third shift. Since such help isn't available, the supply of denim for work clothing is down to around half of the pre-war quantity, and there are millions more workers among whom to divide it.

A fifth shortage, perhaps, is in shoes. The army and navy last year took enough leather to make 135,000,000 pairs of civilian shoes, though the leather made nowhere near as many military shoes. Civilians got 307 million pairs, of which 50 millions came out of carryover stock. Nevertheless, the year ended with more than one pair of ration-type shoes for every man, woman and child left in stock, and GPA insists that there is no probability of a shoe shortage.

## Cove News

COVE (Special)—Verna Towle has been elected to serve as queen of the May at May Day exercises on May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hawley, who have lived in Cove three years, have moved to Walla Walla.

Mrs. Arla Lee Rollins has returned from a visit in Reno, Nev. The Widows' club was entertained last week by Mrs. Thomas Towle. Present were Mrs. Towle's mother, Mrs. Anna Lund, Mrs. Cora Bloom, Mrs. May Anties, Mrs. Lottie Borkgren, Mrs. Sarah Conley, Mrs. Fannie Conklin, Mrs. Addie Geer, Mrs. Mae Kelley, Mrs. Nellie Marten, Mrs. Pearl Richards, Mrs. Lydia Lantz, Mrs. Julia Wilson and Mrs. Lucretia White.

Mrs. Kelley will be the hostess at the next meeting.

Vernon Goodell, a member of Seabees who formerly was stationed in the Philippines, writes that he is now in Saipan, where he met Frank Brothers, another member of the Seabees from Cove.

Mrs. Nellie Marten, who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Lola, in Morrow, has returned to Cove.

Lester Johnson was complimented recently when his wife entertained at a birthday party, at which the birthday of R. J. Allen also was celebrated.

Following dinner, card games were played and prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conklin and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. French. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Conley, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hefty, Mr. and Mrs. W. Halmark, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McIntire, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Orton, and Miss Bessie Kelley.

The 16th birthday of Keith Hallmark was celebrated at a party at which his guests were Donald Hefty, Homer Love, Elmon Haefler, Clifford Towle, Fred White, James Rundall and Paul Gorham.

## Lester Kingsley Quits Food Firm

Lester Kingsley, for many years manager of the Interior Grocery company in La Grande, has resigned his position, effective today, it was announced this morning.

Management of the concern will be taken over by Tom Harper, who has been with the firm 15 years, the latter two as salesman.

Lloyd Gray will be advanced to the position of salesman.

The Big Bad Lands of western South Dakota have an area of 2000 square miles.