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Fighter Group Has Rugged Time But Can Relax

By LEE G. MILLER

49TH FIGHTER GROUP, Luzon, P. I.—This crack and veteran P-38 outfit knows how to make the best of a bad war. Especially when it has the luck to be stationed along an ocean beach.

There is plenty of hard work to be done—bombing in support of troops in the mountains nearby, long missions to the China coast and elsewhere, tedious hours of servicing the plane. But off duty the pilots and their ground crews know how to relax.

Last night I was a guest of some of the enlisted men of the Ninth squadron—the formidable team that Maj. Richard L. Bong and many other aces sprang from—after their clubhouse in a former school building.

It was a party night. A good Filipino orchestra played. Filipino girls, carefully watched over by chaperones, were on hand. Drinks were available before and after the dancing at a semicircular bamboo counter under a sign: "At this bar stand the best damn men in the world."

Everything was conducted with decorum. T/Sgt. Raymond "Squeak" Mills, Portland, Ore., a propeller specialist, said that on the rare occasions when a soldier gets disorderly he is promptly taken to his tent—and he may be barred from the club. No officer supervision is necessary. A few officers were there last night, but as honorary members of the club.

After the girls were shepherd home, late-stayers among the noncoms gave their voices a workout, with "Home on the Range" and "Stardust" and a lot of other favorites.

I asked "Squeak" Mills how he got the nickname. He said a big fellow named Ed Kerr, a staff sergeant since gone home on rotation, nicknamed him the outfit.

"I guess I was about the oldest man in the squadron," Squeak said. (He's 30). "Kerr said I was so old I squeaked when I walked."

He introduced me to T/Sgt. Albert "High Altitude" Monte, Albuquerque, N. M. "That's because Monte floats around in a world of his own," Squeak explained.

Then there was T/Sgt. Elroy Trembley, a Minnesotan, called "Nose" because of the prominence of that feature. And S/Sgt. Reber "Bones" Coburn, of Illinois, who likes craps shooting. Also S/Sgt. Pete Burdissio, Ukiah, Cal., dubbed "Banananan" by Kerr.

Master Sgt. "Zeke" Byrnes of Jacksonville, Fla., line chief of the squadron, brought his own nickname overseas with him. But Kerr created "Spotlight" for S/Sgt. Elliot Brusseau, Manchester, N. H.—who has a silver star for a rescue from a crashed plane.

Also "Greek" for a powerful man of Greek-Russian descent who has a bonecrusher handshake. And "Digger" for T/Sgt.

More Gasoline, Less Coal Seen After V-E Day

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)—Civilians may get as much fuel oil next winter as last, and some time after V-E day they may get more gasoline. Meanwhile, they may get less.

That seems to be the essence of some press conference remarks and a formal statement by Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes. In any event, Ickes said, there will not be enough coal.

Ickes said that after a period of adjustment following the end of fighting in Europe, the government hopes to increase gasoline rationing for civilian A and B card holders by 50 per cent. The length of this period of adjustment remains to be seen.

There just isn't enough manpower in the mines to produce as much coal as the country wants, Ickes said. He urged consumers who can get coal this summer to do so.

Imbler Students At Annual Dinner

IMBLER, (Special) — The Imbler high school junior-senior dinner was held at the Episcopal church Monday evening with 40 persons present. Wesley Conrad, president of the junior class, was toastmaster.

The program consisted of address of welcome by Conrad, a talk by Oscar Howell, member of the Imbler school board; trumpet solo, William Lanman; senior class prophecy, Rose Marie Hopkins; response, John Couzens, president of the senior class; and address, Albert Hopkins, superintendent of Imbler schools.

Diseases Drop Off In Union County

A decline in communicable diseases last week is reported in the weekly bulletin of the state board of health, which reveals that Union, Wallawa and Baker counties were among seven which had no new cases of any such diseases. The other counties were Gilliam, Grant, Morrow and Sherman.

The report says there were 426 new cases of various communicable diseases in the state during the week, as compared with 578 in the comparable week of 1944. Leading last week were chicken pox with 89 cases and measles with 76 cases.

John L. Ramsay, Indianapolis, an engineering clerk, who married an Australian girl two years ago. They have a daughter, and Digger hopes his wife and baby will be able to go from Australia to the states soon when he goes home on rotation.

Zeke Byrnes told a couple of stories about the great Ace Bong. Once, in the rugged early days on Leyte, Bong was preparing to take off when Zeke's sensitive car detected something wrong with the way the engines sounded. He drove his jeep into the path of the plane just in time, and talked the major out of going up.

Maor Bong must think a good deal of Zeke. When he went back to the states he called on Zeke's wife at San Bernardino, Calif. "I don't know how he found her," Zeke said. "I know I didn't give him her address."

Lord Nelson's famous ship, the Victory, cost about \$50,000 to build.

Girl Scouts Have Leader As Guest

Miss Frances Christensen, Oregon field director of girl scouts, met last night with girl scout troop No. 1 of the First Christian church.

Shirley Twidwell of the Blue Bird patrol reported on Negritos of Malaya peninsula, completing her international friendship project.

Letters were written by the scouts to May Anderson, a member who is confined to her home with illness.

Members of Pine Cone patrol announced a party for the troop next Thursday in the home of Miss Marian Snider.

Mother, Daughter Dinner Is Planned

The annual mother and daughter dinner sponsored by the Wesleyan Service guild and the Women's Society for Christian Service, will this year be a potluck dinner, and will be held at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening in the First street Methodist church.

A program is being arranged and each person attending has been asked to take a gift for exchange.

RATION CALENDAR

Processed Foods:
Book 4 — 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. Blue stamps Y2, Z, A1, B1, C1 valid through August 31.

Meat, Butter, Fats, Cheese:
Book 4 — 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. Red stamps Q2 through U2 valid through August 31.

Sugar:
Book 4—Sugar stamp 35 valid through June 2. Sugar stamp 36 valid through August 31.

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 88 per cent of season's ration's should have been used to date.

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

Scoring of the piston walls may be caused by piston ring leakage as well as by insufficient lubrication.

Officers of Farm Bureau Elected At Cove Dinner

COVE (Special) — Thomas Towle was elected president of the farm bureau at the annual meeting and potluck dinner Tuesday evening.

Dean Puckett was elected vice president, and Glen Sands secretary and treasurer.

County Agent R. W. Schaad spoke on timely topics and showed motion picture of South America.

The annual May Day program was presented today with Verna Towle as queen and Rhoda Lloyd, Marie Kight and Marcella Lloyd as princesses.

A program presented by the grade school children was followed by sports events.

Mrs. Harry Dawson entertained Monday afternoon complimenting her daughter, Diana, on her fifth birthday. Present were Marylin Dawson, Charles and Mary Lou Chase, LaWanna Wood, Tommy Forman, Karen and Janet Marks and Lindalou Chadwick. The children played games and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Thomas Towle entertained for her daughter Anita, on her birthday Tuesday afternoon. The guests were Clarice Gayle and Dickey Conklin, Arline Anderson, Donald Hefty, and Nicky Smith.

L. D. Sutherland has returned from the hospital in La Grande where he has been confined for several weeks. His daughter, Mrs. Harold Johnson and his son, Harold, and daughter Mrs. Gladys Onaway all of Prineville will be here with him.

Delegates to Church Meeting Postponed

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 4 (UP) — Forty-two delegates to a church conference, most of them ministers and their wives, are in St. Luke's general hospital today with food poisoning, but attendants said many of them were much improved and will be discharged by tonight.

They were stricken at a luncheon yesterday during the district convention of the north Pacific missionary conference.

Dr. C. L. Longstrech, Bellingham city physician, said bacterial toxin and not chemical poisoning was indicated. He tentatively attributed the illnesses to custard pie. Only 13 persons escaped the effects.

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Society and Clubs

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Social Calendar

FRIDAY
6 p.m. BLF and E and auxiliary, potluck dinner, K of P hall.
6:30 p.m. Chapter I, PEO, Mrs. H. E. Dixon, 1812 Walnut street.

SATURDAY
12:30 p.m. University Women luncheon, Stein Coffee shop.
2 p.m. Oliver P. Morton Woman's Relief corps, IOOF hall.

Rail Auxiliary Has Anniversary

The auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen held an anniversary potluck luncheon yesterday in the Neighborhood club.

Corsages were presented to four charter members, Mrs. Stella Parker, Mrs. Gertrude Happersett, Mrs. Lilly Alstott and Mrs. Elizabeth Clary.

Hostesses for the luncheon were Mrs. H. R. Voethburg, Mrs. Elvin King and Mrs. Merwin Jordan.

Mrs. James Fitzgerald was initiated and plans were made for a rummage sale May 12, and members are to call Mrs. H. A. Dotson or Mrs. E. L. Briggs to have articles collected.

It was decided to change the meeting dates to the first Thursday of each month for the evening meeting and the third Thursday for a noon potluck luncheon.

A dish towel-shower for the lodge will be held at the May 17 meeting.

Society Briefs

Mrs. Harvey Crouser is in La Grande to be with her sister, Mrs. Dan Westenskow, who has been ill.

Initiation Is Held By Railway Group

The ladies' society to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen met last night in the IOOF hall and initiated Mrs. Neil Bolton and Mrs. James Henderson into the order.

Pictures of officers and members were taken at the meeting, and refreshments were served to the 35 members present.

The next meeting will be May 18 at the Neighborhood club house with Mrs. John Ward chairman of the refreshment committee.

Youth Groups Will Have Red Cross Aide

Miss Jean Williams will speak to the Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist and Fir Street Methodist churches at 7 o'clock Sunday when the two groups meet at the First Methodist church. She will tell of her work in England and France while there with the American Red Cross.

A social hour with refreshments will follow, and all the young people of the city are invited.

Correction!

The 39c Price for a Pound of Asparagus in the

Joel's Ad

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Should Have Read
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Pastor

Officers Named By Eagles Lodge

Millard Rogers was elected president of the La Grande lodge of Eagles last night at a meeting at which plans were made for a Mothers' Day program in which the lodge will join with the auxiliary next Sunday.

Others elected to office are: Joe Laurica, vice president; "Bud" Knight, chaplain; L. C. Hawes, secretary; Albert Hutchinson, treasurer; William Houx, conductor; Ernest Case, inside guard; George Yarrington, outside guard; and Jack Hamilton, James Holiday and Albert Smith, trustees.

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