

Girls' Sharp Trading Built Nine South Pacific Red Cross Clubs



Pvt. Bob Stevens of Casstown, Ohio, tests the new couch being constructed for a Red Cross club on Mindoro, P. I., by Virginia Rugh, left, Decatur, Ill., and Deborah Ann Smith of Portland, Ore.

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MINDORO, P. I. (NEA)—The air force lieutenant never did understand how he let himself be chiseled.

He had been ordered to find some lumber for the latest building project on the air base. Someone told him of a pair of Red Cross girls, who were reputed to have the best stock of lumber in the Philippines, but did business strictly on a barter basis.

Slightly wary, the lieutenant set out to try to barter the tail stabilizer of a P-38 for six two-by-fours.

"Seems to me," said one of the khaki-clad girls, "that two-by-twos would be just as good. Besides, that tail stabilizer looks a bit beaten up."

When he departed with his six lengths, the girls shook hands and laughed.

"Well," said one, "I thought we were going to lose that little argument. Even if we do need this old tail stabilizer for the snack bar, I'd have hated to lose those two-by-fours."

Use Odds and Ends
That's typical of the way American Red Cross girls, Deborah Ann Smith of Portland, Ore., and Virginia Rugh of Decatur, Ill., go about getting equipment for the Red Cross clubs they build. They've done it all the way up the China coast and are now at work on their first club in the Philippines.

These two sharp traders, both ex-teachers who joined the Red Cross as recreation workers, were with the first group of Red Cross girls to be sent to New Guinea. Red Cross officials were surprised at the rapidity with which they turned the native hut assigned them into an attractive, homey building decorated and furnished with materials no one else had thought of using.

That started them on their career as a two-girl construction division. From then on, they built the clubs and left them for others to operate. Together they have already built seven clubs, and Miss Smith set up a couple more while Miss Rugh was in Australia on emergency leave, recuperating from a knee injury.

Asked how they operate, the two replied vaguely.

"Well, we just sort of move in and reconnoiter. Then, we figure out how to get the stuff we need from supplies we know of. Then, we round up some labor and tell the workers what should be done."

Have One Complaint
Bewildered GI's trail meekly behind the girl, learning how to make chairs out of metal bomb fin crates, ash trays out of tin cans and curtains out of odds and ends of burlap and canvas.

They don't believe it when they're told that the comfortable, gaily colored couches in which they lounge were made by nailing extra supports and backs to canvas army coats, padding them with the kapok insulations from the cabins of wrecked bombers and covering them with parachute cloth, burlap, dyed cheese cloth or anything that's handy.

Both girls have completed 18 months' service overseas with the Red Cross. They recall as highlights of their career the time they "got stuck" in Lae for nine months and actually worked for a while in one of the clubs they had built; the early days on Layte when they operated a temporary canteen service for civilian internees on their way home from Santo Tomas; the Christmas party at Nadzab, complete with evergreen decorations flown from the heart of New Guinea by a grateful air force man, who had had to loaf in a muddy, unlighted tent before Deborah and Virginia completed their club.

The girls think they have

found their true vocation and both wonder if they'll ever go back to teaching. Their only complaint is that in 18 months in the Pacific they still haven't caught up with the war.

Farm Prices Top Parity But Wage Level Higher

United States general level of prices being received by farms is approximately 19 percent above "parity," with farm wage rates omitted from the formula, according to the Oregon State college weekly review of farm market, price, and outlook information. The picture is quite different, however, when farm wage rates are considered in addition to commodities farmers buy, taxes, and interest.

The national index shows farm wages 200 percent higher than the 1935-1939 average, while the figures for Oregon indicate 325 percent above that. In sharp contrast, the national index of prices paid by farmers for commodities, interest, and taxes is only 35 percent above the 1935-1939 level.

As of July 1, farm wage rates in Oregon and generally throughout the nation were 10 percent higher than a year ago. The national average increase in the index of prices paid for commodities, interest, and taxes was only about 2 percent over a year ago. The combination of wage rates and other costs practically offsets the average advance of 7 percent above a year ago in the general level of prices received by farmers.

At mid-June this year United States average farm prices for some of the farm products produced in Oregon were as follows in relation to "parity," as now calculated: Wheat 98 percent, oats 98, barley 91, hay 77, potatoes 144, hogs 112, beef cattle 138, veal calves 118, lambs 132, wool 132, milk cows 137, butterfat 120, milk at wholesale 123, turkeys 134, chickens 140, eggs 112, horses 28, alfalfa seed 165, red clover seed 107, Alaska clover seed 121, apples 163.

Gasoline Use In Oregon Increases

SALEM, Aug. 2 (UP)—Gasoline consumption in Oregon during the first half of 1945 was 5 percent higher than during the same period last year, the state department said today.

Taxes on the 114,928,046 gallons used amounted to \$5,746,402, about \$300,000 more than last year. Gasoline consumption during June jumped to 15 percent more than for June 1944, the department said.

Society and Clubs

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Social Calendar

THURSDAY
8 p. m. L. S. to B. of L. F. and E., IOOF hall.
8 p. m. L. A. to B. of R. T., initiation, at Neighborhood club house.
8 p. m. Sew and So club with Mrs. Gerald Waite, 2810 Fourth street.

Society Briefs

Mrs. Walter Price, formerly of La Grande, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Purdy. The Prices, while living in La Grande, were connected with the Pigley Wigley store.
Mrs. Ed Jasper returned last night from a visit in Weiser with her sister, Mrs. Frank Gribbin. Mrs. Jasper had been away since Sunday.

New Musician Installed

Mrs. R. J. Kitchen was installed musician of the Rebekah lodge when the regular Wednesday night meeting was held in the IOOF hall. It was announced the Three Link club will meet at 8 p. m. Friday at the home of Mrs. Robertson.

Hospital Notes

Grande Ronde Hospital
Admitted: Baby Ewan Gerstel, La Grande, Arnold Clem Henderson, Elgin, Lou Ward, Union, medical, Larry Bales, Elgin, Millie Clark, Mrs. Robert E. Clark, Dwayne Wilson, La Grande, Edith Grosgebauer, Freewater, surgery.

Dismissed: Max Breeding, Lexington, Calvin Cantrel, Summerville, Mrs. Lloyd Doss, Mrs. Chester Evans and baby, Arthur Gulden, Mrs. J. F. Heasty, La Grande, Mrs. Marjorie Swiger, Halfway.

St. Joseph's Hospital

Admitted: Mrs. E. Olson, La Grande, surgery; Mrs. Walter Frimm, Mrs. Florence Miller, La Grande, Mrs. Jessie Henderson, Alice, Mary Baird, Portland, medical.

Dismissed: Edna Dewey, Clyde Bloom, Union, Forest Robinson, Cove, Mrs. Ernest Allison, Haines, Eleanor Edvalson, Union, Nedra Parish, Mrs. Forest Ferris, La Grande.

Rogue River Bears Loot Summer Cabins

MEDFORD, Aug. 2 (UP)—The bears in the Rogue river national forest had better look out lest some trigger-itchy hunter grows tired of going without red ration points.

Forest service men report bears in the Union creek and Prospect districts have started summer raiding of cabins and camps for food, as well as around Crater lake where two autos have been broken into. Campers have been warned to lock cars, although the bears often break the windows.

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Farewell Party Given Sherwoods; Go to Aberdeen

A farewell party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sherwood and their children, Janette and Billy, was sponsored recently by Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Shoemaker at Riverside park.

A lunch was served at 6:30 o'clock, with social hours following.

Present besides the host and hostess and the honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Palmer, Miss Jean Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hansen and family and Mr.

and Mrs. W. O. Sherwood, parents of Cecil Sherwood.

The Sherwoods have gone to Aberdeen where he will begin his duties as head coach in the high school there. He accepted that position after coaching in the local high school for eight years.

Cats' eyes do not shine in the dark; there must be a light for them to reflect.

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Canning With Less Sugar

Water Pack . . . Fruits may be canned satisfactorily without sugar by boiling water or fruit juice in place of sugar syrup. Absence of sugar may cause some loss of color and flavor in the fruit.

Corn Syrup & Honey . . . Corn syrup or honey may be used to replace up to one-half of sugar specified in canning syrups. Corn syrup has one-half the sweetening power of sugar.

To Make Syrup, Using Corn Syrup . . . Combine sugar, syrup and water, then bring to boil.

To Make Syrup, Using Honey . . . Combine sugar and water, bring to boil. Add honey, stir and bring to rolling boil. Skim. Honey imparts its characteristic flavor to fruits. The use of a mild-flavored honey is recommended.

It is best not to use brown sugar or molasses in canning.

Check Your Supplies!

Mason Jars Kerr or Ball, Reg. Pint, box of 24, \$1.35 doz.; Quarts 83c

Kerr Jar Lids 3 pkgs. 25c

Ball Regular Jar Caps pkg. 21c

Kerr Economy Caps pkg. 17c

M. C. P. Powdered Pectin 3 pkgs. 25c

Parowax Reliable Jelly Seal 2 pkgs. 25c

CANTALOUPE

Ripe and Sweet Lb. 31c

Peaches

Firm, ripe Elbertas Lb. 14c

Apples	Fancy Gravensteins	Lb. 12 1/2c
Avocados	For Tasty salads	Lb. 39c
Lemons	Sunkist Very juicy	Lb. 12c
Oranges	Small, but full of juice	5 Lb. 38c
Sweet Corn	Plump, full ears	Lb. 13c
Cabbage	Young and crisp	Lb. 7 1/2c
Carrots	Try them creamed	Bunch 8c
Gr'n Peppers	Fine for stuffing	Lb. 25c
No. 1 Potatoes		5 lbs. 22c

Duff's Mixes Waffle and Muffin 14-oz. pkg. 22c	Ivory Soap White Floating Large 3 bars 29c Personal 2 bars 9c	Shredded Wheat Nabisco Pkg. 12c
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Mrs. Wright's Bread White or wheat,

1 1/2-lb. loaf 13c	1-lb. loaf 9c
Sno-White Salt Plain or iodized	pkg. 7c
Cane Sugar Pure Cane 5-lb. sk. 33c;	10-lb. sk. 64c
Old Mill Cider Vinegar	quart bottle 15c
Heinz White Vinegar	quart bottle 19c
Roka Cheese Spread Kraft (1 pt.) 5-oz. glass	21c
Chopped Olives Libby brand	4 3/4-oz. glass 14c
Stuffed Olives Los Olivos brand	6 1/2-oz. glass 36c
Tomato Juice SUNNY DAWN, FANCY	No. 2 can 10c
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE TOWN HOUSE, FANCY (9 Pts.)	No. 2 can 13c
Prem Lunch Meat SWIFT'S BRAND (6 POINTS)	12-oz. can 32c
Libby Potted Meat (1 pt. each)	No. 1/4 tin 6c

Edwards Coffee Reg. or drip grind	1-lb. jar 28c
Nob Hill Coffee Whole bean	1-lb. bag 23c
Airway Coffee Ground fresh for you	1-lb. bag 20c
Borden's Hemo Drink it Hot or Cold	1-lb. jar 59c
Canterbury Tea Orange Pekoe	1/4-lb. pkg. 22c
Wheaties Breakfast of Champions	12-oz. pkg. 15c
Ruskets A real breakfast treat	14-oz. pkg. 13c
Kellogg Krumbles Cereal	9-oz. pkg. 11c
Kellogg Pep Delicious with fruit	1/2-lb. pkg. 9c
Corn Flakes Kellogg brand	6-oz. pkg. 5c
Raisin Bran Flakes Kelloggs	10-oz. pkg. 11c

Tuna Fish Biltmore, 4-pts. No. 1/2 can 28c

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