

PORTLAND PATTTER

By . . .

Portland is a pretty big place, isn't it? Well so is that Y. W. C. A. . . . Have you ever been through there, I mean all of the building. We had a private, see everything tour. Yep, personally conducted by the beautiful and charming Publicity Representative . . . Rooms . . . Rooms . . . and more of them. Not dormitories, but rooms devoted to the entertainment and pleasure of the weaker (?) sex. Large dancing room, I guess that was the Auditorium, nice big Gymnasium (seems like the teen-agers like to dance most in the Gym), big but cozy lounge for the Service Personnel, WACS, etc., conducted by the U. S. O. . . . the brand new Canteen . . . the adjoining kitchen . . . the Registry Room to help girls find a place to live. Several smaller rooms all with a definite purpose but each connected by a common cause . . . important people giving their time freely for the same cause . . . like the Reception Desk. Lovely people, a refined atmosphere, spacious quarters, lots of recreational activities, why is more of our girls do not take advantage of the privileges and opportunities offered by the "Y" . . . never mind, don't answer that one, that is, unless you want to. Maybe some letters on the subject would be very enlightening. Celebrities still around, Ivy An-

Public Library Invites Readers

The Portland Public Library at Tenth avenue and Yamhill street wishes to extend a welcome to all residents of Portland who are interested in reading for information and entertainment.

The library consists of a number of departments where readers can find books or magazines to suit their individual interests and needs. The Reference Department is equipped with encyclopaedias, reference books of all kinds, and magazine indexes which make it possible to answer questions requiring more or less research. The Technical Department contains books and magazines concerning the sciences, technical trades and professions, and much useful and valuable material on current war industries. The School Department includes all books and periodicals pertaining to school activities, and the teaching and allied professions, while the Children's Department meets the book needs of children from the pre-school age through the grammar grades.

Magazines covering a wide range of interests, and newspapers from all parts of the United States are available for reading in the Periodical Department, and the Circulation Department offers novels appealing to all tastes, in addition to books of non-fiction, including biography, travel, history, poetry, art, psychology, health and many other subjects. This department includes also the Music Room, which circulates both music and books on musical subjects.

Library cards free to all residents of Multnomah County may be obtained at the Registration Desk on the second floor of the library, and printed folders of library rules are also available there. These cards may be used both at the Central Library or at any of the seventeen branch libraries located throughout the city. Readers will find one conveniently located in their neighborhood, if they do not wish to use the Central Library.

At the Information Desk on the second floor of the library, readers wishing to consult reference books, or to borrow books or magazines are directed to the proper department, and members of the library staff are always glad to be of service whatever the reader's needs may be.

The foregoing information necessarily gives only the briefest idea of activities of the library as a whole, and will be followed in later issues by a more detailed descrip-

tion of the various services extended by the library to all members of the community who wish to avail themselves of its resources.

Hershey Thinks Men Will Hold on Draft Age List

New York, July 13—Director Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service declared Wednesday that unless the military situation should take "unforeseen turns," the nation's present draft age policy "will meet the demands of the future."

Speaking before the Commerce and Industry Association, Major General Hershey stated:

"So long as the demands remain at the present stage, the use of the over-30-year-old-group would not seem necessary, but the answer rests on the war situation."

General Hershey added that most of the future demands for men will be for maintenance and replacement.

Hershey said the present selective service policy is to induct all possible able-bodied men under 26, to defer in the 26 through 29 group all "necessary men" in activities which local boards deem necessary and essential, and to defer men over 30 in essential employment.

Limit on Overseas Messages Announced

Washington, July 13—The War Department called a halt Thursday on transmission of messages to theater commanders of requests that military personnel serving overseas be returned to the United States because of illness in the family or for

some emergency reasons.

Officials said the ban was necessary because of the strain on army communication channels imposed by military messages.

The ruling also prohibits the transmission of requests for individual information concerning the physical condition of specific individuals overseas.

It was pointed out that the war department's policy is to report serious illness of fighting men to the next of kin as a matter of routine procedure and that in the absence of any such report it must be assumed that the individual's condition has not changed.

Counterfeit Ration Tokens Appear Here

First evidence of any counterfeiting of ration tokens in this district has just come to light in Portland with the appearance of a rubberized red disc turned in to the district OPA office by a consumer who said he had received it along with several genuine ration tokens from a local store. It is the same size as regular ration tokens but is unmarked.

Since the customer had traded at several stores, he was not sure which one had taken it in.

Jack L. Davis, district OPA counterfeit specialist, requests that if any more of the little sham cartwheels are accepted as change, that they be reported and turned in at once to the local OPA office in the Bedell Building.

Vanport Organizes Inter-Racial Council

Vanport City, Ore., July 18—Vanport City is all out for an inter-racial council, which has been recently organized, and will hold a meeting tonight. This group of citizens are attacking the educational side first, because they feel that education is essential to any group, and tonight an educational program will be outlined with such persons assisting as Mr. Lucas, principal of School No. 2, Mrs. Skeen, principal of School No. 1, and Mr. Hamilton, who is superintendent of Vanport City Schools.

This meeting is being held at Recreation Hall No. 6, at 8 p. m. Those persons who are interested in the racial problems that exist, and those that we shall be faced with are asked to come to Vanport City and join in with the discussions, and help set up the program for the year.

Mr. Canfield and Mr. C. C. Baily are co-chairmen of the group, with the Reverend H. C. Cheatham as counselor.

Answers 7 Million

Questions; Resigns

NEW YORK.—The New York Central railroad's original "quiz kid" has quit answering questions—after having replied to more than 7,000,000 of them. John W. Cooper, clerk at the information bureau at Grand Central terminal, retired at the age of 70, after 53 years in the service of the railroad.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Victory Bond Rally and Banquet sponsored by the Negro Shipyard Workers will be given Sunday, July 30th, at the Masonic Temple, West Park and Main Sts., Portland. Featured entertainment will be speeches by representatives of shipyard management and representative Negroes. Included are Mr. Robert Hayward, baritone soloist, formerly with "Porgy and Bess", Pearl Drew, Portland's up and coming young soloist, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Therese Roberts, Vanport's most accomplished pianist and teacher, and other entertainment. Program begins at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets of admission will be \$5.00, which will include your dinner and a chance to win a \$100, \$50 or \$25 bond on drawings at the banquet. BONDS WILL BE GIVEN TO LUCKY TICKET HOLDERS.

Every Negro is expected to attend to make this program a success to show their patriotism to the Negro on the fighting front.

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