

SOLDIERS' FATHERS ORGANIZE FOR SONS

Statewide Association Proposed to Look After Interests of Boys in Service.

COMMITTEE FILES REPORT

Preliminary Meeting Held and Officers Will Be Elected January 1. Special Duties and Responsibilities Will Be Pooled.

Fathers of Oregon boys who have enlisted in the Army or Navy will meet at the Public Library Friday night, January 4, and effect a permanent organization of "The Fathers of the Oregon Soldiers and Sailors." The essential purpose of the organization, which will be state-wide in operation, is to look after the material needs of the soldiers and sailors enlisting from this state both while they are in the training camps and after they have gone abroad.

At a preliminary meeting last Friday night the report of the committee on permanent organization was adopted. The members of the committee submitting the report were Frederick H. Whitfield, D. J. Watson, C. W. Standley, L. J. Murphy, E. Williams and S. B. Huston.

Aims Are Set Forth.
The aims and purposes of the organization were embodied in the committee's report, which follows:

"That there is an important work which can be performed by the fathers and foster parents of the soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States from the state of Oregon in whatever department of the service they may be serving, which can better be performed by the fathers than by any other person or organization; that the particular objects and services which can be covered by the fathers are as follows:

1. To organize the parents of all boys from Oregon in the service and for mutual comfort, aid and assistance during the continuance of the war, and to adopt a suitable name for the organization.
2. To create harmony and good fellowship among the parents and friends of the soldiers.
3. To send frequent letters and encouragement from home.
4. To bring any needed influence or pressure to bear in the interest of the soldiers, to correct any abuses which for any reason are overlooked by the department of the Government.

Track of Men to Be Kept.
"5. To furnish a means of communication between soldiers and parents who have not been in communication for a long time, and to keep the track of other citizens not parents in the need for loyalty to the Government, conservation of resources and united action on the part of all citizens."

"6. To create a historical bureau to preserve data of the individual soldiers and of the activities and incidents participated in by the Oregon boys.
"7. To excite and increase the interest of other citizens not parents in the need for loyalty to the Government, conservation of resources and united action on the part of all citizens.
"8. To co-operate with other organizations doing like service.
"9. To do other things incidental to the above matters which will arise from time to time."
The following offices and committees were proposed for the organization: President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, historian, sergeant-at-arms, membership committee, finance committee, publicity committee and executive committee.

IRVINGTON SANTA BUSY

COMMUNITY'S CLUBHOUSE TO BE SCENE OF WEEK'S GAIETY.

Party for Little Tots Planned for Thursday. Formal Dance for Adults Friday; Young Folk to See 1918 in.

The Irvington Club's Christmas week plans loom large, beginning with the party arranged by the December social committee for the little tots of the club. It will be held in the clubhouse on Thursday evening, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock. There will be a Christmas tree—all nicely decorated and with Old Chris in attendance. There will be dancing and games and other things, too. The members are asked to take their children and help make the party a success.

On Friday evening the regular formal dance will take on the nature of a Christmas party. There will be a tree and Old Chris will distribute gifts. The members are asked to take an inexpensive gift—say not over 15 cents—and let it be something to create a laugh or a noise. Write the name on the gift, because Old Chris will want to give the packages brought by the women to the gentlemen and the ones brought by the gentlemen to the women.

Old Chris leads the grand march at 8:45 sharp. The December committee asks that all come at 8:30 o'clock in order to participate in the grand march.

The committee: Mrs. W. H. M. Drescher, chairman; Mrs. Sidney C. Rasmussen, Mrs. Wallace Shearer, Mrs. Nagel Sealy, Mrs. Ernest Allman, Mrs. C. P. Scott.

The young people's organization of the club will see the year 1918 ushered in on December 31 at a special dance in the evening. They are arranging specialties and are charging 50 cents for each person. A committee will assist the young folks in this affair, consisting of Mrs. Frank Collinson, Mrs. C. W. Jones and Mrs. J. R. Burke.

GRAND JURY SESSION ENDS

One Indictment and One Not True Bill Returned at Klamath Falls.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The new Klamath County grand jury drawn for the December term by Circuit Court has just finished its first session.

It rendered findings in two matters. A not true bill was taken against Mrs. J. S. Pospisil, of the Malin neighborhood, who recently undertook to interfere with engineers of the United States Reclamation Service, who were about to run a drainage canal through the Pospisil ranch.

An indictment was returned against Joseph Zino, of this city, who is charged with the theft of meats from the Klamath Packing Company.

The grand jury members are R. S. Moore, foreman; W. E. Folsom, C. W. Nelson, Ike Straw, James Bolton, Gus Hilliard and George Boyd.

OREGON'S VERDURE-CLAD CANYONS AND HILLS YIELD WEALTH OF CHRISTMAS GREENERY

Holly, Mistletoe, Grape and Cedar Frond Grown in This State Reach a Perfection Seldom Known Elsewhere—Hundreds of Persons Annually Find Occupation in Gathering Materials for Decoration at the Yuletide Season.



Celts held its properties to be magical. The extent of the Christmas greenery traffic in Oregon is difficult to determine. Dealers say that from December 12 to Christmas day perhaps 300 to 500 persons, mostly children, are intermittently engaged in the mistletoe harvest.

That a little holly goes a long way in the market, despite the fact that quantities are exported, is evidenced by the estimate that the entire holly industry, if such it may be called, does not net the growers more than \$2500.

In any event these four we have with us, the holly, the mistletoe, the Oregon grape and the cedar frond, as making the evidence that the spirit of Christmas is green in all hearts—a quartet that sprang from Oregon soil, grew lustily after the Oregon fashion and are in perfect perfection such as less favored climes are prone to envy.

Crowding events, filled with the spirit of the season, have made the pre-Christmas week one of unusual activity. Following the lecture-organ recital given in the chapel Tuesday by Lucien E. Becker, the women of the dormitory entertained with their annual Christmas frolic, the interest of the occasion being heightened by a large Christmas tree, which sent the participants searching for hidden gifts.

The pre-vacation dinner and dance was an event of Friday, when the college community was seated at long tables in the dining-room arranged to receive the letter R. and bright with Christmas candles and holly. The dinner is an annual occasion and there will be no services in the chapel during the time spent in knitting for the soldiers.

No vesper services will be held at Reed College during the holiday and this afternoon. The next vesper talk will be given at the chapel on January 6.

TSILCOOS LAKE IS CLOSED
Fishermen Accused of Using Tributaries Unlawfully.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—State Game Warden Shoemaker, during his visit to Coos Bay consulted with Deputy Game Warden Thomas and issued an order to close commercial fishing on Tsilcoos Lake, on the South Pacific Railway, between the Umpqua and Siuslaw rivers.

Six weeks ago Deputy Thomas confiscated two tons of fish and several nets, under the supposition the fishermen had no licenses, but on getting the fish and paraphernalia ready for shipment was confronted with licenses. However, the fishermen are alleged by the state warden to be fishing unlawfully and are taking salmon from the tributaries of the lake, instead of from Tenmile Creek, the outlet.

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Errol C. Briggs.
Errol C. Briggs, a member of the faculty of Hill Military Academy, instructor of military science, has enlisted in the Aviation Signal Corps as an electrician. He is the sixth member of his family to take up public service. His eldest brother, William Briggs, is with the Canadian Engineers "somewhere in France." Captain Stanley Briggs is in command of a Canadian contingent in France and Dr. John Briggs is in active service as a surgeon in France near Verdun. All six brothers are graduates of Hill Military Academy and have many friends in athletic, social and educational circles in Portland.

Held by Ancients to Be Magical.
Closely akin to its English cousin is the mistletoe of Oregon, though in the British Isles, contrary to popular belief, the plant is rarely lodged on oaks, but more frequently selects the apple or the Hawthorn as its host. It was when the mistletoe flourished upon an English oak that the Druids and

with little thought that someone scrambled higher than last year's bird nest for the lovely loot, the shoppers down in Portland would be raiding the favorite forests for an hour of green to lend true holiday tone to the home.

Though the picture of the cabin and its keeper is an actual composite of scores of such within the comparative vicinity of the city, it is sadly true that the mistletoe is all but vanished wherever the city could conveniently reach. It is in the last woodland citadel, far from the Christmas crowds, making a brave stand against extinction.

Not so long ago the mistletoe was common in the Willamette Valley and yielded yearly tribute to the Yule. Scapaceous and lovely, hypocrite though it is, making the oak its unwilling host, the small boy speedily sought it out and placed it in the same category with the dodo, of honorable mention as a bird that used to be.

Southern Oregon Supply Source.
The mistletoe that is Portland's Christmas, as for several seasons past, comes largely from the Willamette Valley, with the centers of the odd industry at Grants Pass and Roseburg. In the wild little canyons and the lower hills of the waterways there is a plethora of oaks—and, with them, mistletoe. Florists say that the Oregon mistletoe is far the finest offered in any market.

The harvest of mistletoe, however, is a laborious and somewhat hazardous task. The Oregonian is gathered, for the most part, by boys, of the sort who are not afraid of skinned shins and a lofty scramble for the fellow who gathers the emblem of the Druids must venture for his prize, frequently on some bare bough that cracks warning as the treasure is at hand.

Tumbles go with the game, as a matter of course, but the reward is commensurate. Local dealers pay 20 cents a pound for mistletoe clusters, and a large cluster will weigh from five to six pounds.

Holly is quite another matter. As the Oregon mistletoe is superior, so is the Portland holly. Nowhere, not even in rural England, does the happy holly attain quite such perfection of scarlet berries and such superlative sheen of brilliant green spoked leaves, as here in the city by the Willamette. And Portland not only supplies all of her own holly, but ships quantities to the holiday trade of New York, Boston and other large Eastern cities.

Holly Lately City Product.
It is the singular fact that the bulk, if so cross a term may be applied to commodity so beautiful, of local holly is harvested from the ornamental trees, more frequently single, that thrive on the lawns of city residences. Here is a tree of beauty that pays for its keep and care. When the householder has clipped his holly tree, it proceeds beneficial both to the tree and his pocket, the harvest will net him from \$4 to \$5 at any florist's.

Several florists have embarked in the holly industry to the extent of growing their own trees, but the larger portion of the Christmas wreaths that hang in windows, that dangle from chandeliers or are hawked by boys in the street, originated as slightly shrubs upon some citizen's front lawn.

Of the four favorite Yuletide decorations, all save the holly are Oregon born. The holly is the English variety, deriving its very name from the traditional English Christmas, when, from its association with the season, it was known as "holly-tree."

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CORN DISPLAY IS URGED

R. A. BLANCHARD HOME FROM LAKE COUNTY SHOW.

Increased Production Indicated by Purchase of Seed by Agricultural Agents Elsewhere.

R. A. Blanchard, agriculturist of the Livestock State Bank, of Portland, returned recently from the Lane County Corn Show, enthusiastic over the prospect for corn production in Oregon. "Five years ago," he said, "a corn show in the Willamette Valley would have struck the average resident as humorous indeed. The Willamette Valley, first cleared of timber, was used for stock grazing by the early pioneers and then was followed by wheat farming for a long time. Grain was the principal crop for decades, until the yield became so low something had to be done. Then came the new era of diversification. The more enterprising discovered that fruit, that magical lure of the Eastern tourist, could be grown. Trees and bushes were planted by the thousands and the Willamette Valley became famous. But the country can long endure without its livestock, and with that comes the necessity for a cheap feed. The farmers shook their heads about corn; 'It can't be grown,' they said. But the persistent effort of a few enterprising leaders, encouraged by the agricultural college, continued the corn campaign.

"That corn is to be figured among the most important crops is now assured. The silo has made its appearance and will become more familiar to the landscape.
"The Lane County Corn Show, held at Eugene December 19, was an inspiring event even to its sponsors. Not only were the exhibits large and of quality, but unprecedented interest was shown. The most constructive feature was the auction of seed corn, which was purchased not only by farmers but by county agriculturists in adjoining counties, which insures the distribution of more and better corn next year.

"The banks of Eugene, and especially the Bank of Commerce, are to be congratulated on their foresight and assistance given. President Rowe, of the Bank of Commerce, and the originator of the contest idea last year, said 'with the growing of corn comes the feeding of livestock, and we know then the stability and future of our agricultural development is secured.'"

Columbia Forest Inspected.
GULER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Supervisor F. H. Brundage, of the Columbia National Forest, has been spending several days here on business connected with the forest. The Columbia forest now has a fine headquarters building here and Ranger Lickel is in charge and is also caring for some 20 head of Government mules that are being fed here for the winter.

COUPLE WEDDED 64 YEARS
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hiatt, of Albany, Celebrate Anniversary.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hiatt, of this city, celebrated the 64th anniversary of their marriage at their home in this city Monday. Probably few people within the State of Oregon have celebrated 14 wedding anniversaries after their golden wedding.

Mr. Hiatt is 84 years of age and Mrs. Hiatt is 83. They have lived in Albany the last 20 years, having come here from Indiana. Mr. Hiatt is a veteran of the Civil War and member of McPherson Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city.

Dentistry Today

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Specialists are needed in each department. Only a few become good in all its branches. I have practiced for 18 long years and know whereof I speak.

I have stood at the chair day after day, from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night, with a few minutes taken for meals between times, and then sat in my laboratory until midnight making plates, crowns and bridges, in order that my patients should have their work on time the next day.

It was this daily "grind" that made me realize that the one-man system of dentistry was wrong; unfair to the dentists and doubly unfair to the public.

I knew that two or three men, working under the same conditions, would simply multiply the handicap by two or three; and I decided then and there that the modern, successful dental office must consist of a staff of dental specialists, working under the direction of a MANAGING DENTIST, in order that the work could be standardized, expense minimized, and responsibility centralized. Just as the successful baseball manager selects his "stars" for their skill at CERTAIN POSITIONS, so must the manager of the modern dental office select dental specialists of skill for the various branches of dentistry.

Upon my judgment of the caliber of men depends the success or failure of my practice. That is why I have specialists who do extraction, specialists who excel in fillings and inlays, specialists who are masters in crown and bridge work, specialists who show superiority in making artistic, comfortable and durable plates—and then, in order that these specialists may devote their entire time to their specialties, I maintain a private laboratory, where three mechanical dentists and expert gold workers are kept busy turning out plates, crowns, bridges, etc., under the direction of the operating dentists, and the supervision of the manager.

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