

Gary Barker Has Birthday

Little Gary Barker was honor guest on Friday afternoon at a party on his second birthday. Forget-me-nots and lilies-of-the-valley were decorations.

At the party were Mrs. Arthur Meyers and Rosemary, Mrs. Walter Beck and Gary, Mrs. Frank Starr and Mary Lou, Mrs. Ronald Baker, Barbara Jane and Ronny, Mrs. Kenneth Barker, Judy and Sue Ann, Mrs. Foster Wintermute and Joan, Mrs. Ed Johnson and Jimmy, Mrs. Delwin Finley and Ann Lee, Mrs. Dale Burres and Keith, Mrs. Gordon Barker, Gary and Elwin.

Mrs. Spaulding Is Hostess

Mrs. Bruce Spaulding was hostess at a salad luncheon on Friday afternoon at her Fairmount Hill home for members of her Dallas bridge club. Spring garden flowers were used for decorations and contract was in play during the afternoon.

Covers were placed for Mrs. J. A. Inglis, Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Mrs. Cecil Dunn, Mrs. Carl Gerlinger, Jr., and Mrs. Victor Williams of Dallas, and Mrs. George Rodgers, Mrs. Garlen Simpson, Mrs. Urcin S. Page and Mrs. Spaulding of Salem.

Salem Daughters of the Nile will meet for a 12:30 o'clock luncheon Monday afternoon at the Masonic temple. Hostesses are Mrs. Rex Turner, Mrs. Percy Kelly, Mrs. C. C. Gabriel and Mrs. David Wright.



Miss Viola Conrad, whose engagement to Mr. Lester Pearmine, United States marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Pearmine of Salem, was announced recently at the Pi Beta Phi sorority house on the Oregon State college campus. Miss Conrad is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Conrad of San Jose, Calif. No plans have been made for the wedding. Mr. Pearmine is stationed at San Diego.

Don't Look Now..

but... we've had a big week, what with community concerts, YWCA teas, and county federation meetings.

Love their work... When we want a house built, we know the men who will get the job. They are the two carpenters who pounded on the side of the church wall in Silverton during the county federation meeting on Friday. It was entertainment in itself, first they'd pound on one side, then saw down in the basement, then rip something off over on another side. Nothing could tear them from their work—not even a convention of over a hundred women and a guest speaker who miraculously managed to shout out her talk about personal philosophies in wartime. They were wonderful.

Then the tea... though we weren't a founder of the YWCA, we were one of the first girls to learn to swim in the old YMCA tank down on North Commercial street. (We

wore a red flannel two-piece number with bloomers—it's a wonder we didn't sink right there). The YWCA tea was nice—celebrating your 30th birthday, if you are a YWCA—should be fun.

Temperament in reverse... Prima donas are supposed to be temperamental, but listen to this. A Salem waitress has the distinction (and not an enviable one) of being probably the only person in the United States to refuse to serve ice tea to Miss Helen Traubel because "she didn't have time to make it." As the waitress went to get her distinguished customer some HOT tea, Mr. Bass, Miss Traubel's husband remarked, "We almost had a bad moment, didn't we?"

And as for Mr. William Bass... he is an extremely pleasant gentleman. We had several nice talks with him and will write a story soon about interesting things he said about the prima dona... Maxine Buren

Resting US Soldiers in Italy Can't Forget the Front Lines

By KENNETH L. DIXON
WITH THE AEF IN ITALY, April 21—(Delayed)—(P)—When I left this tired outfit last January at the front almost every wakeful thought was given over to wondering when they would be relieved. They'd been in the line a long time.

And now that they've been out a while and received some rest and replacements, they're wondering when they're going back in, and where.

It isn't that they want to return, but rather that they know they must and that this inaction is a temporary thing. So they're tense. Then, too, there's the restlessness of spring.

For spring hangs rich and green over the mountain slopes and valleys of Avellino. The oxen and donkeys move slowly, pulling plows and carts across soil where war scars have already been healed by grass and flowers.

Lying in the sun high on the hillside, the soldiers look down on a valley floor carpeted with grain fields and truck and flower gardens set off by brightly blossoming orchards.

But they can't lie still long. For one thing, they're constantly training both to improve their own fighting skill and to break in the new replacements. Even when they could rest, they kept alert, looking for some hint of their next move.

"Hello, bad news," they greet you if you're a newspaper man. "What are you doing here? We thought this was too good to last. Where are we going next?"

Even when you convince them that you know exactly nothing about their future movements, they remain on edge. They flop on the luxurious grass and yawn and talk about spring, and then they hop up again and start talking about rumors and whose fault it was that they lost so many men at such and such a hill or river crossing, and how green the replacements are.

If there's a little silence, the church bells of Avellino break it with their soft reminding chimes every 15 minutes. And somebody says, "Those damn bells keep ringing all the time."

Somewhat when the last clear chimes die away across the valley—there are scores of churches scattered over the mountains—the talk always turns to grimmer things. They mention men who fell in certain actions. They talk about the time the command post was shelled and several men were killed and wounded in their sleep.

1461 Automobiles Will Be Available

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29—(P)—There will be 1461 new passenger automobiles available for eligible residents of the Pacific states, the OPA said today.

That number has been allotted, out of a total of 10,000 to region 8 which embraces California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona.

In the same area, 2428 new bicycles for adults will be available. The May quotas were the same as the number of automobiles and bicycles rationed in April.

American War Mothers will meet all day Tuesday at the Chemeketa street USO, with a business meeting at 2 o'clock.

School Closes On May 26

MT. ANGEL — Graduation exercises for Mt. Angel preparatory school will be held in the college auditorium Friday night, May 26.

The Rt. Rev. Abbott Thomas Meter, OSB, will present the diplomas and the Rev. Willis Whalen of Portland will address the graduates.

Gold medals will be conferred on the winner of the elocution contest and the student selected for the general excellence award.

Benjamin Charvet was chosen as valedictorian and Wilfred Epping will give the salutatory.

Class officers are Francis Hauth, president, and Thomas Becker, secretary.

Service Man Visits Monitor

MONITOR — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and baby, Carole, returned from Colorado last week and are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lienhart. Smith is in the army, stationed at Camp Carson and is here on furlough.

Nidaros Lutheran church will dedicate its service flag May 14, at a 2 o'clock service. Lt. Chaplain Braa of Barnes hospital, Vancouver, Wash., will be the speaker.

Girls from Oak Lawn school rolling bandages at Molalla include Betty Beck, Darlan Bremser, Roberta Shelder, Donna Perdue and Norine Wells.

Dr. Albert C. Walker, the new pastor of the Elliott Prairie and Smyrna churches is expected to start services soon. He comes here from North Dakota.

Hopewell School Class Lists Six Graduates

HOPEWELL—The Seventh Day Adventist parochial school's eighth grade includes Eileen Alsop, Murray Gildersleeve, Virginia Hilderbrand, Floyd Sargeant, Pauline Stratemyer and Charles Van Vlack.

Commencement exercises will be held the last of May.

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Camp Fire Girls Column

Camp Fire News—Sponsors of Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds will be guests of the Guardian's association at the last meeting for the year which will be a covered dish dinner at the First Presbyterian church at 6:30 May 3rd. The committee planning the affair is Mrs. Emery Feller, chairman, Mrs. M. D. Vinyard, Mrs. F. M. Fleming, Mrs. T. L. Kuhns, Mrs. Bea Bromley, Mrs. C. S. McCollum, Mrs. F. W. Taylor and Mrs. A. E. Ullman.

The committee of awards with Mrs. J. S. Lochead as chairman will hold their last meeting before the Grand Council Fire on May 9 immediately after school at the YWCA.

The Blue Bird training session conducted at the local office in the Oregon building by Mrs. Emma Maxwell last week proved one of the most stimulating and enthusiastic gatherings. Crepe paper crafts were featured by an "idea exchange" when each leader demonstrated the crafts and program best received by her group the past month.

Although plans for camp demand most of the time of the local executive, groups are constantly being organized. Groups with new leader are the fourth grade at Washington now meeting with Mrs. W. W. Schultz, sixth grade girls at Highland meeting with Mrs. Alta Magurn. The new third grade groups are in the process of organizing at Highland.

Junior high school Camp Fire Girls entertained the Camp Fire Girls who are entering junior high school next fall, at a skating party Thursday after school. One hundred and ten girls attended the affair. Mrs. Elmer Roth was the guardian advisor for the party.

Board Meeting Believing that girls of Camp Fire age will face profound changes in their lives in the post-war period, the national council of Camp Fire Girls has set up a program especially to prepare girls for living in that period. Recommendations for achieving that goal were presented at the district convention in Seattle last month and were reported to the

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A Musical Tea This Afternoon

Miss Frances Virginie Melton will be hostess for a musical tea this afternoon at the Roberts studio from 4 to 6 o'clock. Anyone interested in music is invited to attend the affair. A formal program will be presented at 4 o'clock by advanced students of the Melton piano studio and during the social hour at 5 o'clock an informal program will be given by the younger pupils.

Service Women

AMITY—Private Verna E. Anderson of Amity Marine Corps Woman's reserve has received orders to report for boot training at Camp Lejeune, NC. She will leave Portland with 23 other marines April 28, enroute south where she will begin classes May 3.

Virginia Blevens Entertains

Miss Virginia Blevens entertained on her 13th birthday Friday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Blevens. Lilies and bleeding hearts provided the decorative note. Croquet was in play with refreshments following.

Guests were the Misses Joan Barnes, Ruth Ann Morgan, Elizabeth Hamilton, Pat Milton, Carol Kannier, Patricia Olson and Marie Harder.

Executive Board at Meeting

Mrs. Paul Morse, local extension chairman and delegate to the convention.

Miss Melton has asked Mrs. George E. Allen and Mrs. J. E. Bowen to open the door and welcoming the guests in the studio will be Mrs. Silas Gaiser, Mrs. B. B. Boylan, Mrs. George H. Swift and Mrs. David Bennett Hill.

Mrs. Charles L. Sherman and Mrs. John A. Jelderks are in charge of refreshments and serving will be Miss Beverly Nelson, Miss Grace Widdow, and Miss Jean Turnbull, students of Miss Melton. Mrs. John Schmidt and Mrs. Lee Brown are arranging the program.

Pro-America members will meet at the chamber of commerce Tuesday night at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Walter L. Spaulding, president, presiding. Dean Melvin Geist is in charge of the musical program and a panel discussion will be given by a group of business and professional women. Mrs. Walter Lamkin will give a short explanation of the equal rights amendment.

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