

Civic Players Put Color in Play at Elks

A town gone "Ga Ga" over movie stars and the stars behaving much as one might expect them to behave, is the setting for the annual holiday play of the Salem Civic Players presented this week at the Elks club. The final show will be given tonight.

The play "Grandma Fought the Indians" is presented by a cast of 13 players under the direction of Beulah Graham. Ruth Vestberg plays the part of Grandma Morrison whose knitting punctuates sentences, stops arguments and changes the subject for discussion. Delva Litwiller as Millie the "hired girl" has one of the choice character parts of the play. In the drawing for "stars", the important business of the second scene, Nettie gets "Slim" Montana a part played by bewhiskered Harold Rosegrau. He likes her doughnuts and does not mind being assigned to sleep in the stable, since it is all that is available.

Helen Durnerman takes the part of Laurel Lovely, the woman star of the motion picture to be premiered in the town. Harold Melcher takes the part of Barry Douglas, the star of the show.

Victor Winegar plays the part of Claude, the youthful lawyer in love with Nettie played by Agnes Drummond. Shirley Melville takes the part of Myrtle and Mary Nopp is her younger sister Susie.

D. B. Parkes plays the part of the mayor and Belle Davis is his daughter Gladys. Harold Mero takes the part of M. C. Saunders, motion picture producer.

Beulah Graham is director of the play and Rupert Magee is manager. The play is the annual Elks Christmas program. Music between the acts was by Claude Bird's Elks orchestra.

Air Assaults On Germany At Top Speed

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 12 (AP)—The allied air assault on Germany continued round-the-clock yesterday and last night, with the RAF joining American bombers from both Britain and Italy in a series of powerful blows at communications and industrial targets.

More than 3000 tons of explosives were dumped by the U. S. Eighth air force alone on battle-line rail facilities in the Frankfurt area during the day in a massive operation from which nine bombers and nine fighters were reported missing. Most of the fighters were believed to have landed in friendly territory, however, and the day's loss was described as the smallest of the war for an attack in such strength—more than 1100 bombers and fighters.

Last night a strong force of RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes blasted the great armament center of Essen and squadrons of Mosquitos bombed Osnabruck, another steel center of the Ruhr.

13 Vehicles In Collision

FORT LEWIS, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Six empty army ambulances, a jeep, a truck and five automobiles piled up in a multiple collision on highway 99 shortly after 3 p. m. today between Camp Murray and North Fort Lewis overpass in a heavy streak of fog which had settled in that area.

Seven civilians and eight soldiers were injured and a man, not involved in the accident, died from a heart attack. Robert Hofer, 71, of (444 Beach Drive), Seaside, Ore., died when his wife, Leila, stopped at the scene of the accident shortly after the cars had piled up. Their auto was not involved.

Salvation Army's Mortgage Paid Off

The \$2300 remnant of its \$5000 mortgage paid off by the Salem Elks today, the Salvation Army in Salem will hold a mortgage-burning ceremony next Tuesday night. Col. Holland French of San Francisco, chief secretary for the western territory of the Army, will conduct the services, Maj. Fred P. Stevens has announced. Ground upon which the Salvation Army citadel at 241 State street was built in 1938 was given by the Elks in 1919 and the lodge assisted in negotiating the loan for the \$5000 which was lacking when the new brick structure was built and furnished at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

Car Reported Stolen

City police reported early today that a 1939 Ford sedan, license number 288041 Oregon, had been stolen from the corner of South Liberty and Miller between 8:30 and 9:40 p. m. Tuesday night. The car, gray in color, belongs to C. H. Austria, 1956 Chemeketa street.

The Pacific is the largest and deepest of the oceans, and with dependent seas has an area of about 50,000,000 square miles—equal to the entire land surface of the globe.

Yanks Edge in to Capture Catman Hill



Behind the protective fire of an M-7 tank, a patrol of American infantrymen edges closer to Catman Hill, a position to which the Japs clung tenaciously during the advance on Leyte Island, International



ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Lydia, dear:

Tell Lib I can't join you for the Great Day. After all, we do publish a newspaper on Monday night. But never fret, I've had my Christmas dinner.

The fire roared on the great hearth; there were apple Santas on the paneled mantel and a tall tree glittered in the corner of the cheerful lounge of St. Vincent de Paul church's hall Sunday afternoon, but the greatest glow was on the faces of my fellow diners.

In wheelchairs and walkers, on crutches and even two on stretchers, approximately 50 of the hosts and hostesses appeared to be almost helpless. Yet one woman with badly clubbed feet and a face so lovely some artists should record it pushed a wheelchair before her into the dining room. The older persons helped the younger and the young folk gave assistance to the old.

And there were those whose faces bore the ravages of the disease which had twisted their bodies—girls with beautiful hair and smooth white foreheads and the eyes of great beauties who had lost the thing that many girls hold most precious, facial expression.

A light burned above the stable in the creche beneath the Christmas tree and for a moment I thought I was among those who had been brought together in one place that they might touch the hem of His garment and be made whole. But if they had not heard a firm voice order them to pick up their beds and walk they had surely listened to the gentle words "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, ye my brethren."

For these were members of the Oregon Chin Up club, an organization of the physically handicapped banded together to aid one another in finding avenues of service. Many of them have done war work, volunteer or paid, and all are interested in finding some way to guarantee that the homeless among them may have the proper care. It seems there is money but it cannot hire help for them these days of manpower shortage.

More than 100 of us, the club members and their families, all generous and cheerful (the illnesses which had warped their bodies I was told were not "catching" but the good health of their spirits was surely contagious).

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(ious), sat down to the excellent turkey dinner, complete with salads and pies in variety I have not seen since the days of the Springbrook community Thanksgiving feasts. Across the table from us sat a plump lad whose mother was too busy serving to watch his diet, but we did: He had three helpings of turkey, two of potatoes and gravy, said he didn't care for dressing, ate some of at least a dozen fruit salads, some bread and jam, a few olives and stalks of celery, three pieces of pie and we had to close our eyes when he started again on the turkey.

Oh, he had an appetite and so had we, but, somehow, cheery as the whole scene was, the food tasted a bit salty.

Youthful Bank Robber Caught

TACOMA, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Six hours after he had used a child as a shield to rob the Puget Sound National bank here this afternoon of \$5,050, police announced the robber was in their hands and \$5000 of the loot had been recovered.

The bandit, first thought by nervous witnesses to have been about 30 years old, turned out to be a 16 year old, Gerald Wayne Barnes of this city, it was announced by chief of police Tom Ross and Captain Albert Farrar, who stated tonight that the youth made a full confession. He stated that of the time of the robbery he was unarmed.

He was arrested at the home of his parents by officers Stitsworth and Scholtz, aided by federal officers, Captain Farrar said. He said Barnes made an attempt to break away after being arrested.

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FAULETE GODDARD
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with
MILLAND
BUFFY FIELD
ARE HUSBANDS NECESSARY?
with
PAULINE MORISON

Violation of Manpower Rules Found

A series of violations of priority referral regulations and labor stabilization agreements uncovered here the past week by investigating representatives of the war manpower commission include two or three cases which might be termed "flagrant" but a majority of them have been trivial and were caused by misunderstanding, W. H. Baillie, resident agent here for the commission, said Tuesday.

The investigation, which followed a number of complaints, is merely the beginning, war manpower authorities have declared, indicating that henceforth, throughout the remainder of the war, routine checkups will be the rule.

Employers involved in the violations have been given a short time to "put their houses in order," Baillie said.

Under priority referral regulations in effect here, no employer may hire any male help not directly referred by the US employment service, with the exception of discharged veterans of the current war. Female help may be hired either on direct referral from the employment service or with certification of availability from the most recent employer.

U. S. Christmas to Be Dull, Japanese Claim

By the Associated Press
The Japanese-controlled Singapore radio said Tuesday that "rich" America will have a very poor Christmas because of liquor, cigarette and sugar shortages. The broadcast, reported by OWI, pictured Americans as experiencing cigaretteless days and added "girls who used to smoke a lot are now obliged to resort to chewing gum."

Gervais Near Quota; Legion Sale Success

The Gervais district has raised \$80,000 or 75 per cent of its \$100,000 Sixth War Loan bond quota, Chairman George Wadsworth reported yesterday to the cities division chairman, Gene Vandenberg. Most of the purchases were in E bonds and those in change are confident other reports will bring Gervais over the top by the time the final reports are in.

Industrial employes reached \$135,000 in their drive toward \$200,000, reported Robert Minton, industrial chairman. New firms over the top were Portland Gas and Coke company, and the Portland Gas and Electric company.

Allocations confirmed Tuesday include Oregon Pulp and Paper, \$100,000; Warner Brothers, \$10,000; Tidewater Associated Oil \$10,000; and Pittsburg Plate Glass \$5,000.

The state unemployment compensation commission employes reported more than 200 per cent of their \$6,265 quota with purchases totalling \$12,579, Chairman Roy Mills reported.

In a final report on American Legion bond activities during the four days before Pearl Harbor day last week, Col. Carl Abrams, chairman, declared that \$630,684 had been subscribed. Outside communities reported as follows: Stayton \$24,388; Silverton \$48,375; Woodburn \$39,660; Mt. Angel \$16,750; and Aurora \$8,788. The remainder was accounted for by the Salem post, culminating in the infantry show at the army and Sweetland field under chairmanship of Jake Fuhrer.

Polish Chief Names Aides

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Wladyslaw Paskiewicz, president of the Polish republic, appointed tonight an acting deputy premier and three cabinet ministers inside Poland as the exiled, trouble-torn government here sought from the homeland's underground army a new guide on policy to strengthen its shaky standing.

A communique issued by the Polish government said the deputy premier and three cabinet ministers, whose names were not disclosed because of security, already were performing their duties, and that all were well-known members of the underground movement.

Columbia River Winds Leave Havoc in Wake

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Gusts reaching a velocity of 120 miles an hour in some instances swept down the Columbia river gorge today, leaving destruction in their wake.

Near Crown Point the chill east wind tore the roof from a house and blew down a barn, killing several cows. Traffic on the lower Larch mountain road was blocked for several hours by trees sent crashing across highways. The gale kept up an 80-mile-an-hour pressure at Corbett.

Thumbnail of War!

Western Europe—Yanks liberate Haguenau and drive eight miles through old Maginot line fortifications, while other units advance to within a half-mile of Duren.

Russia—Godollo, 10 1/2 miles northeast of Budapest, falls to Soviets, who send other troops storming into the eastern suburbs of the Hungarian capital.

Italy—Flooded Lamone river stops British 8th army offensive.

Greece—Heavy fighting still rages in Athens between ELAS and British.

Pacific—American planes and PT boats sink three Japanese destroyers and four transports out of an 11-ship convoy attempting to reach Leyte with reinforcements and supplies; 50 enemy planes destroyed in the battle, while we lose eight.

China—Chinese pursue Japanese troops through Kwangsi province to the south after chasing them from Kweichow.

Extension of Work Ruling Is Favored

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A broad extension of the administration's war-work edict, including the application of community pressure upon 4-F's, was advocated today by a high ranking selective service official.

Col. Francis Keeling, selective service legislative officer, told the senate war investigating committee's manpower inquiry he favored:

1. Broadening the prohibition against men 18 to 37 quitting war plants without draft board approval to cover men 38 to 45.

2. The authorization of pressures "upon certain of the 4-F's, if necessary to engage in war work."

Praising War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes for what he called the latter's "courageous" action in utilizing the selective service organization to reduce turnover by requiring consent for leaving jobs, Keeling testified to belief it did not go far enough.

He said that the whole program, which he felt would provide the 300,000 men now needed to fill manpower shortages, could be accomplished with "very simple additional legislation."

E Bond Sales Grow Slowly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Gradually improving series E bond sales in the 6th war loan reached \$1,408,000,000 today.

Robert W. Coynes, field director of the treasury's war finance division, told reporters, "I feel very good over the prospect of making the \$2,500,000,000 E bond quota."

He said there is no section now that doesn't think it will reach its goal in E bonds, which are the government securities held by more Americans than all other types of securities combined.

Some states, he added, still report a "very tough fight ahead."

River-Harbor Measure Gets Senate's OK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The St. Lawrence waterway was rejected today as congress shaped up a program for postwar expenditures of more than two billion dollars on rivers, harbors, highways and flood control.

The senate passed the rivers-harbors measure, already approved by the house. Differences between the two chambers remain to be ironed out, however, before the bill goes to President Roosevelt.

Dispatched to the White House after the senate gave a final okay

were bills for expenditures of \$1,473,250,000 on roads and \$1,000,000,000 on flood control. States benefiting from the road fund would have to match federal expenditures.

7 Deaths in 36 Hours Brings Much Confusion

SCIO, Dec. 12.—Seven deaths within a period of 36 hours which directly affected Scio was the unwelcome record set up by this community over the weekend.

Tuesday night found confusion apparent in the funeral hours, with three tentatively set for the same hour Friday at two different churches. The fact that funeral homes from two different towns were in charge contributed to the origin of the confusion.

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