

Program to Obtain Nurses In Full Swing

Salem merchants this past week joined forces with Red Cross to aid in the recruiting of 10,000 army nurses whose services, according to the surgeon general, are needed at once.

Three "points of attack" have been established in the campaign in this area:

Registered nurses who are eligible for the service are urged to enlist at once.

Graduate nurses now employed at less essential tasks or not employed are asked to return to nursing for the duration either as military nurses or, if ineligible, on the home front to relieve nurses who can serve abroad.

Women who are not trained as nurses are offered the opportunity to prepare themselves through Red Cross home nursing and nurses' aides classes to do part of the home front nursing job, in their own homes or as volunteers in the hospitals of the community.

"Our advances in Europe and in the Pacific theatre make it mandatory to have the most competent nursing care to follow up our fighting men should they fall in battle," Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, surgeon general, U.S. Army, declared as the campaign over the nation commenced this month.

"As more territory is freed from the Nazi yoke, more hospitals are necessary. The stream of wounded is in direct proportion to the number of battles and the strength of the invasion," he continued. "It should be remembered that the need for our nurses is not just momentary. The mere fact that a soldier is wounded and receives prompt medical attention from a doctor, company aid man, or army nurse does not dispose of his case—as he requires care for a long period of time. To provide adequately for our soldiers overseas and to give them the care they deserve here at home, the army nurse corps must have 10,000 graduate registered nurses immediately. This figure is based on the present rate of casualties. If some unforeseen disaster should develop, the need might be even greater."

40,000 Nurses Serve
Some 40,000 nurses are already serving in the army, stationed in every theatre where American soldiers are on duty. Col. Florence A. Blanchfield, superintendent of the army nurse corps, pointed out, "Every American soldier is entitled to this nursing consideration whether he is in actual combat or not, for the army's greatest enemy is not the Jap or the German; it is disease," she declared. "Our 40,000 nurses, the greater number of whom are outside the United States, have done a wonderful job," she said. "They have made the public realize that the members of the nursing profession are women of whom all America can be proud. Nurses themselves feel a tinge of pride just to know what other members are doing . . . it is truly a wonderful group of women."

"While all the rest of the army may look forward to a cessation of hostilities within a given time, the medical department must, at this time, prepare for its greatest load. Our casualties are mounting . . . our men deserve the best that American nursing can give," she concluded.

Albany to Vote on Tax
ALBANY, Jan. 27.—(P)—A tax levy not to exceed two mills for financing a community recreation program will be on the ballot at a special election here April 10, the city council said today.

One Croddy Son Dies Freeing Philippines Where Another Was Taken Prisoner in 1942

John Jerome Croddy, fire controlman 3/c, who was killed October 25, in the second battle of the Philippines (see story page 1), was born in East Helena, Mont., November 10, 1925 and came with his family to Salem in 1937. He attended school here and in Monmouth and enlisted in the navy in February, 1943. He took boot training at Farragut and later attended his 19th birthday when killed last October.

Survivors are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Croddy, 2209 North Front street; three brothers, Arnold, U.S. army at Ft. Lewis, Henry George, at home and Guy William, a prisoner of war in Tokyo, Japan; also two sisters, Elizabeth Anne, 8, and Sara Lou, 13.

News of their sailor son's death in the Philippines was received soon after Mr. and Mrs. Croddy had their first letter from another son, Guy William, who was taken prisoner when Corregidor fell to the enemy in the spring of 1942. It was their first letter from him since November, 1941, before the outbreak of the war. Two printed form cards were received a month apart in the fall of 1943. They had been notified by the war department that their son was a prisoner of war.

Guy William enlisted in the army when he was 17 years old and was sent directly to the Philippines. He observed his 21st birthday last August in the Japanese prison camp.

The undated letter, follows: Dear Mother: Got a chance to write a few lines hope you are all well. I am all right. How is John and Arnold? I am working on the docks. We do all kinds of work. When I get home I think it will be strawberry and cherry time. Have plenty of fruit canned. I think I will go to cook and bakers school. Never got a chance to. It has been quite cool here, but it is getting warm now. How does dad like his work? We got a Red Cross box this year and three last year. Well this is all for this time. With love, your loving son, Guy W. Croddy.

Glee Bet Day Slated Monday

First program on the Willamette chapel schedule this week is Glee bet day set for Monday when Glee losers will pay in full for bets made previous to the program.

Dr. G. Herbert Smith, Willamette's president, will speak at chapel on Tuesday, and on Wednesday Rev. George H. Swift, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Salem, will conduct the weekly religious chapel.

Salem Artist Josephine Albert Spaulding will sing during the Thursday chapel period.

Thumbnail of War!

Western Front—United States Third army reaches German frontier at five places.
Russia—Red army surrounds Poznan and races within 98 miles of Berlin.
Italy—Headquarters says air forces carry out raids as snow stalls ground troops.
Pacific—MacArthur's troops capture province 44 miles from Manila.

Shrine Club's Benefit Dance Set Feb. 15

An excellent 10-piece orchestra will provide the music and Gov. and Mrs. Earl Snell will lead the grand march which is to feature the Salem Shrine club's Shrine hospital benefit dance the night of February 15, Herman Johnston, the club's president, declared Saturday.

All proceeds of the dance, which is expected to draw Salem and Portland city officials, members of the legislature, officers of Al Kader temple, and the general public, will go to purchase needed new equipment for the Shrine hospital for crippled children, Johnson said.

The uniformed Al Kader temple band of Portland will appear for a short concert and demonstration in the army before the dance and the uniformed Al Kader drill team will also perform. Tommy Luke, past potentate of Al Kader will lead a short intermission period of community singing.

Johnson announced that Roy Houk had been named chairman of the general arrangements committee of which I. M. Doughton and Gardner Knapp are other members. E. J. Scellars is to be chairman of finance, with Joe Land, Loyal Warner, Oscar Olson and Clair Davis; Gardner Knapp, publicity chairman, with Robert McEwan, Earl Vernon and Dr. M. E. Gadow; Fred Ely, decorations, with Leo Reimann and Barney Van Osenoord.

Nazis Prepare To Ruin Berlin

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The nazis were preparing to lay in ruins Berlin's key war facilities, even major war factories, as the Russians stood less than 100 miles from the capital, travelers from Berlin said today.

While the first women and children evacuees unessential for defense of the city began leaving Berlin, these sources said volkstorm units directed by army demolition engineers had systematically begun mining viaducts, bridges, gas and electricity plants and other public utilities which were undamaged by allied bombings so they could be blown up if necessary.

OSC Sets Home-coming But Nobody Is Invited

CORVALLIS, Jan. 27.—(P)—Oregon State college will have its annual home-coming, but nobody is invited. Alumni had planned Feb. 26-27 for the get-together prior to government requests to cancel meetings of more than 50 persons. Eunice Courtright, acting manager of the alumni association said today. "Please don't come," she insists.

Plannert Rites Monday At Woodburn

WOODBURN, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Magdalena Plannert, 65, died Friday night at her home a mile north of Brooks. She was born in Austria-Hungary and came to the Gervais area four years ago.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday morning following requiem mass at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Gervais. Rev. Martin Doherty will officiate and burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery. The rosary will be recited Sunday night at 8 p. m.

Survivors are the widower, Antonio Plannert; a son, Jacob, at home; a daughter, Mary Fitzer, Silvertown; two grandchildren; three brothers, Simon, Sebastian and Martin Ernst of Portland, and a stepbrother, Jacob Leist, also of Portland.

Woodburn, Jan. 27.—Guy Moore, 54, sister of Mrs. Roy Bonney of Woodburn, died recently in New York City. He was educated in local schools and at Laurelwood academy at Gaston. He served in World War I and is survived by two sons, Guy, jr., and James of New York City; a brother, F. F. Moore of New Jersey; three sisters, Mrs. Bonney, L. H. Helen Moore, U.S. army nurse; and Bessie Stillwell, California.

Hop Dealers Gather Here For Banquet

First statewide banquet of hop dealers, their employes and representatives of allied industries since 1939 drew approximately 100 men to the mirror room of the Marion hotel Saturday night. Plans were laid to make the occasion an annual event.

Paul Howell, managing agent for the hop control board, discussed the industry's program, his recent trip to New York, Washington and Chicago and told the results of a meeting of the US Brewery Foundation committee in Chicago.

John J. Roberts was recognized as dean of the industry among those present. F. W. Shepard, manager of Sick's brewery, spoke. James A. Byers was toastmaster.

Frank McKennon, Hugh Taylor and A. L. Fleming represented the state department of agriculture. Dr. R. E. Fore spoke briefly. Other representatives of Oregon State college were G. R. Hoerner and Jack Sather. F. O. Van Dusen, former hop man in this area, now a grower near Sacramento, attended the dinner session.

Howard Eismann heads the committee on arrangements for next year's banquet, with Eugene MacCarthy, Ronal Troxel, and James Congra as members of the committee.

Gold, white and scarlet flowers and scarlet candles, provided by Mrs. B. O. Schucking, decked the tables.

Innovations Delight Parents At WU Glee but Traditions Still Hold Upper Hand

Innovations delighted parents and alumni in the audience at last night's Freshman Glee but tradition kept an upper hand: Co-eds wore white with gay corsages (though wartime necessity sent many to the platform in dark shoes).

Seniors made their first appearance in cap and gown, and paced their way down the aisle to "Pomp and Circumstance".

The sun went down and the moon came up while student body and audience alike waited anxiously for the judge's decision, and parodies and campus favorite songs rolled from the throats of members of the competing classes to rock the rafters of the gym.

Prof. Herman Clark followed the form set by his predecessor, the late Dr. James T. Matthews, announcing first the winner of third place, second second, and keeping first and fourth place winners to the tense last minute.

The freshman class president had to look at her notes (but was still drawing praise from members of the audience as The Statesman went to press).

But the sophomores surprised everyone by sitting on the steps of the stage as a feature of their formation, and when they had received the red and gold felt banner and had sung their song again they whistled shrilly "Turkey in the Straw."

Pages for Classes
A large book, one of many blue between cardinal and gold baby bearest bookends opened to pages representing the various classes which served as backdrops for each group's presentation. Other

School Boxes To Be Fixed For Refugees

One "educational" gift box for children of the liberated nations from each small school in Marion county and one from each city school classroom is sought this week by Carmalite Weddle, chairman of Junior Red Cross activities here.

Marion's quota was set late last week when Bertram Betts, director of Junior Red Cross in the Pacific area visited Marion county chapter offices. The boxes will be shipped by the Red Cross departments of education in the war-torn countries, with 50,000 scheduled for Europe and 1500 for the Philippines.

Approximate cost per box will be from \$1.50 to \$2. Nothing but the best materials is to be sent. Boxes may be secured from Mrs. Weddle at the county school office in the New Bligh building at the Red Cross office, 435 State street.

Articles to be included in the boxes are:

Three pencils in flat case, penholder, dozen pen points, box of crayons, three small pads of paper, eraser, compass, protractor, felt penwiper, small pencil sharpener, colored drawing pencils, slate pencil, modeling clay, blotter, cake of toilet soap (not large

entirely of white-clad girls and later added a black W inside the U. Two jittersbox whirled to a jukebox melody as background for the frosh.

laundry size), toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, pocket comb, needles, thread, thimble in small case, matched buttons on small card, handkerchief, small bag of marbles, set of colored pencils, colored chalk, paint box, paint brush, chalk, small color book, small notebook, one small game or toy, (doll, ball, top, puzzle, whistle, pocket-knife).



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