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CAPTAIN HERB IS TRANSFERRED

The army being the army the transfer of Captain E. G. Herb was to be expected. His new assignment as assistant district engineer at Little Rock, Arkansas is an important one, recognizing his able work on the Willamette flood control dams. Some day we shall expect to see Herb returning wearing eagles or stars, and we hope that he and his family will always think of Eugene as home.

In the large staff of military and civilian employees stationed here, Captain Herb has developed a fine "esprit." Through their Engineer's club they have made themselves part of our town. The Captain who played some pretty snappy football at West Point, has been an aide to "Tex" Oliver and he is credited with some of the strategy which led to the highly satisfactory conclusion of the 1940 season.

We had hoped that Captain Herb could remain to direct the development of the new Eugene airport in which he has taken a keen personal interest from the beginning. He leaves that work and the future dams to a very competent organization. This community has a very friendly feeling for all branches of the army, but there is rather a special place for the Engineers.

OREGON COAST HAS "CRISIS"

From the annual gathering of the Oregon Coast Highway Association at North Lincoln comes word that this assembly will inquire critically into Editor Hugh Ball's recent complaint that the "oyster stew of commerce" as it is served in the restaurants and dining cafes of our Coast is a mighty feeble article—either containing no oysters or made with canned oysters, and in any case seldom a good "ad" for the excellent oysters we produce.

The Hood River editor's complaint deserves attention, and we hope the Association will take up also Ajax McGurk's perennial squawk about the "clam chowder of commerce." McGurk says he has never ventured on oyster stew at any of our roadside taverns, but he has tried repeatedly to find a chowder worthy of honorable report. Always he has come away disillusioned, bitter if not bilious.

Two or three years ago the good folk on the Coast rose to McGurk's challenge. For several weeks he was deluged with protests that he just hadn't visited the right eating place. Some of the most famous cooks of the Coast region submitted their private recipes. Some even sent samples in cans and jugs.

Neither Mr. McGurk nor Mr. Ball has ever questioned that excellent cooking is to be found on our Coast; their complaint has been that many of the wayside eating places have not been as zealous as they should be to uphold the reputation of Oregon Coast seafoods.

The average traveller or tourist has little opportunity to visit private homes or to search out the famous cooks. He hauls up in front of Joe's or Jake's, or Aunt Mary's, or the nearest likely looking eatery. He is tired and the salt sea breeze has whetted his appetite to a fine edge. Perhaps for the last hundred miles his mind has dwelt on savory chowder or oyster stew, perhaps followed by a slab of broiled salmon or fresh shad roe with bacon, or a cracked crab, or any one of the many seafoods for which the Oregon Coast is justly famous. Shall he be disappointed? Shall he be sent on his way a mumbling misanthrope?

No, a thousand times! We hope the Coast Highway Association will carry out its threat to appoint an official taster and inspector. This will be a job requiring both time and tact. It would be unfortunate if a tactless taster were to be chased by an irate cook with a meat axe or an oyster knife. Something, however, must be done to stimulate pride and skill in the cookery of the Oregon coast. It is a region which should be famous for its foods. It should be a region where the food is as superb as the scenery. A chowder, now, can haunt a man in one of two ways, and it should be that kind of haunting which always draws the traveller back, the memory of a fragrance, the allure of a tang to be found nowhere else, so that men marooned by fate in lonely places like New York or Los Angeles or Timbuctu will live for that day when they can return to the Oregon Coast.

Editor Ball of Hood River is no mere grumbler. He is a man who has lived in many lands and chosen Oregon for his home after a world wide experience. He has pride in Oregon. Next to his own lovely Hood River valley he admires the Oregon Coast.

And apparently he loves oyster stew also. For 1941 it should be the goal on the Oregon Coast to evolve such an oyster stew that Editor Ball will find it hard to keep his mind on business. Bring him back.

East Liverpool, O., couple's 2-year-old daughter fell down a 50-foot shaft and was but slightly injured. One of those bouncing baby girls.

Further rationing is likely for Britons after the holidays—but there'll be no hitch in the belts they're handing the Germans.

The Duke and Duchess are about tied on the excitement caused over one loosing a tooth and the other a crown.

Statistics show that much of the time a checkered career leads to a striped suit.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

DEFENSE DAMS
(Astorian Budget)

We are greatly intrigued by word that the three dams being built in connection with the Willamette valley flood control project have been certified as defense projects. These dams, near Fern Ridge, Cottage Grove and Dorena, are all on tributaries which head in the Coast range and hence are not salmon spawning streams. No protest against their construction was made by any fishery authority for such reason but there is vigorous protest against the construction of the four proposed high dams on the McKenzie, Willamette and two Santiam, part of the same project.

Just how do these three dams now being built qualify as defense projects? We wouldn't know. Not that we object to speeding up the work but it looks like stretching things a bit to predicate the plea upon their value for defense. As we understand it, their primary function will be for flood control, irrigation and navigation. Maybe the sponsors figure that if an enemy invades the valley, the dams can be blown up and the foe or maybe the Willamette is conceived as an ideal site for a naval base if navigation can be improved.

Anyway, we would be interested in knowing the basis of their qualification as defense projects. We suspect this is a little preliminary toward an effort to have the proposed high dams placed in the same category.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—A DOZEN cantonments for the new army are still being erected, although plans called for their completion long ago. Thousands of soldiers will not be called for another month. Looms and sewing machines are turning out blankets and uniforms, delayed. A dozen mills in Oregon and Washington have received curt telegrams to get busy with lumber requirements.

Originally the construction of cantonments was in charge of the quartermaster department. Conditions became so bad that a change in policy was made; the army engineer corps "took over." During the transfer from the quartermaster to the engineers there was much marking time and plenty of lost motion. From New York an engineer was recalled where he headed WPA and told to push along the construction projects. At present the engineers have not made a good job, although it is better than the quartermaster, and much of the fault lies with the yards of red tape.

The new engineer in charge has jumped in and issued telegrams high, wide and handsome, without inquiring whether the wire was called for or not. Army engineers on the job are hampered by regulations, which are not changed and are hangovers from the days of peacetime construction. Resident engineers have free action for an item involving \$300. If a larger sum is required it must go to the district engineers, with five copies, and he may send it to Washington for approval. There may be an error of a couple of cents, which is ferreted out by the auditor, and when this occurs the mess of papers must be bundled back, corrected, and started all over again.

MOST of the cantonment jobs are negotiated contracts. In such an arrangement a contractor purchases the materials, pays for the labor and receives a fixed fee for superintending the job. No contractor is waxing fat on the cantonments, and bawling the job isn't as simple as it appears. There have been lumber strikes which cut off material. Unions have established shacks at all projects and the charge is made that unions are racketeering; that they are selling permits to work. The charge against the unions has come to congress from every section of the country. As far as the contractor is concerned, he keeps his hands off; it is none of his business if the union holds up every laborer. The contractor wants efficient men and he wants peace. To the workman who hasn't a down payment he can make to his union initiation fee the situation is serious.

SUCH are a few of the troubles of labor, contractors, material men and the army engineer corps. The quartermaster, removed from the supervision of cantonment construction, is busy striving to round up enough uniforms, hats, shoes and similar duff for the hundreds of thousands of men who will soon be selected for service. With so many items to provide (parkas to mosquito netting) the stuff is not coming in as the quartermaster expected when contracts were let, and this is another letdown.

ONLY a few men, less than a dozen, know the situation with regard to the national defense. These men know; the rest are guessing, and the few insiders give no inkling aside from their incessant urging for speed and more speed. Aside from the commerce department's export statistics there is no way of ascertaining what material is being shipped to England. For domestic defense it is known that the Garand rifle, for instance, is far behind in production and it will be 1942 before a sufficient number are available to equip the army.

Bald fact is that the army, as a whole, was stunned at the enormous task assigned it, to obtain quickly, within a few months, everything from a button to a bomber. Army has received a few of each. And army discovered that the difference to seniority has not worked out very well, but there is still little prospect of anything of importance escaping the hands of the brass hats.

ONE point overlooked is that the United States is attempting to do in a year what it required Herr Hitler eight years to accomplish; that it is undertaking to perform in a year what Britain needed four years. On top of this the needs of America, are piled the necessities of England and a demand for rush orders. It will work out in time, but not before the latter part of this year at least. Next summer, if then, explosive plants and ammunition plants now being erected by the government with private firms, will start production, and that appears a long while to wait. Everything is predicated on a 24-hour day and to strikes. This is a ticklish point—strikes, and it is a bone of contention in the National Defense Advisory commission.

Wedding Is Held Sunday At Church

By MARIAN LOWRY

THE marriage of Miss Jane Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Anderson, to William A. Van Nuys, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Van Nuys, was solemnized Sunday afternoon at a charmingly arranged ceremony in Central Presbyterian church, Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the church, reading the service at two o'clock.

Pink and white snapdragons and chrysanthemums, and lighted candles decorated the church. For the music, Miss Joanne Rousseau sang, and Mrs. S. E. Stevens played the organ.

In White Taffeta

The bride wore a floor length dress of white moire taffeta, made with fitted bodice, short sleeves, sweetheart neckline, and a very full skirt. The veil was of tulle, fingertip length, and was arranged from a cluster of orange blossoms. For her flowers, the bride carried an old-fashioned bouquet of gardenias, Rapture roses, and pink bouvardia. She was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Charles Igou was matron of honor. She wore a pink organdy dress, made floor length, and her flowers were a nosegay of pastel colored flowers.

William Gassman was best man.

Reception at Home

Following the church ceremony, a reception for relatives and a few close friends was held at the Anderson residence. Mrs. Dolan Hatfield of Salem poured, Mrs. W. H. Anderson of Salem served the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Nuys will be at home in Eugene at 462 Sixth avenue west.

PLAN BENEFIT

Blue River Star club announces a benefit card party for the evening of Friday, January 31, the event to be at the McKenzie River Masonic temple.

WED IN SEATTLE

Miss Evelyn Anderson, daughter of Mr. Ada Anderson, Seattle, and Lawrence Baker, son of Mrs. Lexie Shillington, Route 4, Eugene, were married Sunday, December 29, at two o'clock at the home of the bride's mother. The bride wore a gown of grey blue satin. Invited guests were relatives and close friends.

Harold Anderson, brother of the bride was best man. Miss Dorothy Anderson, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid. Mr. Baker is a former resident of Eugene, having attended Eugene Vocational school. They will reside at 718 Riverside avenue in Seattle.

REUNION HELD

A reunion was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bowerly and family. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bowerly and children June, Gerald Jr., Lois, Patsy, and Kent of Marcola, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson and two children Betty and Robert of Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. Judd Bashaw and two sons Charles and Dale of Santa Clara, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gagner and daughter Ruth Ann also of Santa Clara and the hosts.

GIVEN SHOWER

Miss Alene Gardner and Miss Elizabeth Dick honored Miss Marjorie Callaway, bride-elect of Benny Baxtel, at a miscellaneous shower last week at the Gardner home. The evening was spent in playing games. Refreshments were served; at this time the wedding date was announced to be February 9.

Guests invited were, Miss Callaway, Miss Jean Bell, Mrs. Harold Louhead, Mrs. W. L. Callaway, McIntyre, Mrs. W. L. Callaway, Mrs. Chester Elspas, Mrs. C. V. Callaway, Miss Mildred Thompson, Miss Fay Jean Brown, Miss Darlene Fillbach, Mrs. W. A. Gardner, Miss Doris Gardner, Mrs. John McKibben, Mrs. R. P. Dick and Miss Eleanor Reed.

THETA RHO GIRLS

Theta Rho Girls will meet Wednesday at seven o'clock at the I. O. O. F. temple. Initiation will be held for two candidates and plans made for installation January 23.

ALLIANCE EVENT

The Unitarian Women's Alliance will meet Tuesday at two-thirty with Mrs. O. M. Foster. Mrs. Mary Hilburn Jackson will be joint hostess.

SOCIAL HELD

The S. U. V. auxiliary met the past week at the Community Liberal church for a social hour. Mrs. W. F. Gilstrap and Mrs. W.

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MISS MARIE WETTERSTROM
 ANNOUNCEMENT was made recently of the engagement of Miss Marie Wetterstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Wetterstrom, to Gordon H. Randall of Salem.

Federation Meeting Due Friday

THE County Federation of Women's Clubs meets next Friday for a program and luncheon at the Junction City grange hall. Members of the Junction City Women's club will be hostesses. Registration begins at ten o'clock, and a pay luncheon will be held at twelve o'clock.

On the program will be pioneer stories told by Mrs. Ruby Mathews of Trent, and old time songs.

C. Washburne, both of whom were married recently, were presented with gifts. Refreshments were served.

AID ELECTION

Danebo Lutheran Ladies' Aid will hold election of officers at its meeting Wednesday at one-thirty o'clock in the church parlor. Mrs. Nick Bertelsen and Mrs. Harold Juhl will be the hostesses.

TO MEET TUESDAY

The Women's Missionary society of the First Christian church will hold group meetings Tuesday. Mrs. Myrtle Kidwell will entertain. Group one at a one-thirty dessert; while Group two meets at two-thirty in the church annex. Mrs. J. L. Woodson will entertain Group three at a potluck luncheon at twelve-thirty o'clock. Group four meets with Mrs. E. G. Stivers

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U. C. T. AUXILIARY

PLANNING LUNCHEON
 UCT auxiliary is meeting for a dessert luncheon this coming Friday at the home of Mrs. W. D. Dion, 1870 Washington street, at one-thirty o'clock. Mrs. Thomas Bagan and Mrs. Lynn Buley will be assistant hostesses.

New members welcomed by the group at the meeting Saturday evening include Mrs. Walter Simmons, Mrs. Roland T. Burghardt, Mrs. L. W. Williams, Mrs. Milton Ungar.

The group is sponsoring a rummage sale next Saturday at the Chambers building, 610 Willamette street, Mrs. Raymond E. Glass, Mrs. George Brace, and Mrs. George Dinwoodie in charge.

Calendar

Monday
 6 p. m.—Oregon Rose lodge dinner Moose hall.
 8 p. m.—Wisconsin club meeting, W. O. W. hall.
 7:30 p. m.—Evening Service Guild of Women's League of First Congregational church meets with Mrs. George Spicer.
 7:30 p. m.—St. Clare guild meeting, home of Miss Grace Griggs.
 7:30 p. m.—Hospitality club meeting, Moose hall.
Tuesday
 7 a. m.—Credit Women's Breakfast club meeting, Del Rey cafe.
 1 p. m.—Phi Beta alumnae and associates meeting, home of Mrs. William M. Tugman.
 1 p. m.—Be Natural club meeting, 2248 Columbia street.
 1:30 p. m.—Madrecitas club meeting, home of Mrs. D. V. Harber.

Tuesday afternoon—Division meetings of Women's Union of Central Presbyterian church as given elsewhere in this section.
Tuesday afternoon—Group meetings of Women's Missionary society of First Christian church as given elsewhere in this section.
 2 p. m.—Alpha circle meets at First Baptist church.
 2 p. m.—United Lutheran Aid meets with Mrs. Neil B. Freeman.
 2 p. m.—American Legion auxiliary sewing club meets with Mrs. Noble W. Bond.
 2 p. m.—Ess See Bridge club meeting, home of Mrs. C. P. Hart.

2:15 p. m.—Group meetings of Women's League of First Congregational church as given elsewhere in this section.
 2:30 p. m.—Unitarian Women's Alliance meets with Mrs. O. M. Foster.
 2:30 p. m.—Women's Alliance meets at Community Liberal church.
 7:30 p. m.—Job's Daughters meet at McKenzie River Masonic temple.
 7:30 p. m.—Junior American Legion auxiliary meets with Mrs. C. E. Williamson.
 7:30 p. m.—Mu Phi Epsilon music group meeting, home of Miss Celeste Campbell.
 7:45 p. m.—Book group of

Many Events Listed for Early Week

NUMEROUS meetings are checked on the calendar for Monday and Tuesday.

Sorority alumnae clubs meeting Monday evening include: Phi Beta Phi, at the home of Mrs. H. W. Allen; Kappa Kappa Gamma, at the home of Mrs. Lawrence W. Manerud; Alpha Omicron Pi, at the home of Mrs. Gail D. Elliott; Kappa Alpha Theta, at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Hardy; Phi Mu, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Toole; Chi Omega, at the sorority chapter house.

Tuesday meetings of sorority alumnae clubs include: Gamma Phi Beta, at the home of Mrs. George E. Metzger; Alpha Chi Omega, at the home of Mrs. Kenneth W. Moore; Zeta Tau Alpha, at the home of Miss Wilhelmina Gerol.

Other Meetings Set
 Hospitality club is to hold its regular meeting Monday evening, at the Moose hall.

Credit Women's Breakfast club is to have its regular meeting Tuesday morning at the Del Rey cafe.

St. Clare guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church plans a meeting Monday evening at the home of Miss Grace Griggs.

Phi Beta alumnae and associates are to meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William M. Tugman.

Pi Lambda Theta members are meeting Tuesday evening at the meeting Tuesday evening at the

Wedding Reported

OAKRIDGE, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Miss Lois Walker and Martin Spallinger were married at the Springfield Baptist church in Springfield, December 26. The ceremony took place in the parsonage at six o'clock with Rev. Mr. Wanbig officiating. The couple was attended by Miss Walker's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walker. After the ceremony the couple left on a wedding trip along the coast. They will return to Oakridge to reside in their new home just west of the city limits.

The bride has lived in Oakridge all her life and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will S. Walker. Mr. Spallinger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Spallinger and has lived here for many years.

MONDAY MEETINGS
 Oregon Rose lodge and the B. of L. F. and E. will honor G. A. Shadduck at a dinner Monday at six o'clock at the Moose hall.

Election of officers will be held by Wisconsin club Monday evening, following a potluck dinner at six-thirty o'clock.

The Evening Service Guild of the Women's League of the First Congregational church will meet Monday at seven-thirty o'clock with Mrs. George Spicer, 1823 Moss street.

Business and Professional Women's club, meeting at home of Miss Alma Kaser.

Tuesday evening—Sorority alumnae club meetings as listed in this section.
 7:45 p. m.—Pi Lambda Theta meets with Miss Marie Tinker.
 7:45 p. m.—Victory circle meeting, home of Mrs. Frank Bennett.
 8 p. m.—V. F. W. auxiliary meets at Moose hall.
 8 p. m.—Pythian Sisters meet at K. P. hall.

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