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EUGENE WELCOMES MEN OF 41ST

Elaborate preparations have been made by Col. Orville Waller's committee for the comfort and healthful recreation of the army units, mostly from our own 41st Division, which will bivouac here in groups of 4,000 upward for the next five nights. One column will pitch tents in the Amazon flats and the other on the fields adjacent to our old airport out West Thirteenth. Both areas have been moved and cleared of weeds (which is a break for all residents who suffer the annual hay fever or fire nuisance).

Certain rough provisions have been installed for water, lights, and access to the areas where the long lines of wheeled vehicles will be parked. Each evening there will be athletic events, street dances and other entertainments for our guests. There will be opportunity for townspeople to visit the men in camp and inspect the progress of their training.

Actually, this sort of bivouac camp is very practical training in HOME DEFENSE, of which you have been hearing so much lately. This is only the first of many large army convoys which will be passing through Eugene from now on. If war ever comes to our shores, we may be called upon to accommodate not just a few thousand soldiers but many thousands on the march. It is important that civilians as well as soldiers have experience in the necessary adjustments.

To Eugene the bivouacing of a few thousand troops a night now seems like a considerable task (and it is). Has it occurred to you that if we had "a front" a hundred miles away, we would be accommodating many times the number.

Troop transport today moves as much by highway as by rail, and Eugene being a crossroads is a key point in Pacific Coast troop transport. We shall need improved bivouac camps for troops passing through at all seasons. This encampment is only the first.

HER MONUMENT IS HAPPINESS

Throughout Oregon there will be mourning for Harriet Long, for many years our state librarian, but especially in our rural communities will Miss Long be missed because here was the vision and enthusiasm which put vigor into the county libraries which serve the rural public. Perhaps Lane county has special appreciation for the work of Miss Long because, although the rural service here did not live beyond the experimental stage, Miss Long demonstrated the plan which some day will be developed.

It was through the late Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, that Miss Long was brought to Oregon from Wisconsin. She was peculiarly fitted to Oregon's needs. She had had a broad, liberal education. She had worked in city libraries in the East, in rural libraries in California, and in army camps from the Mexican border to France.

Miss Long had discovered that a library is not of necessity a monumental building approached by a long flight of steps where discreet attendants scurry down muffled corridors to comb learned effusions out of remote stacks. To her way of thinking the mechanics of the library could take many different forms. The library itself is an educational process. In the main it is self-education and recreation and the purpose of the librarian is to bring together by whatever means suits, the man, the woman or the child and the book. The library can function in a marble temple or in a packing case or on a truck.

The personality of Miss Long contributed much to her success. She was of the people and for them. She combined scholarly dignity with common sense. She not only enlarged the state's library but extended its services through every city and county library in the state. She was a crusader whose mission was to place the world's best book at the service of the loneliest ranch house or the roughest logging camp. She was a brave woman who gave her life to her work.

THE APPEAL FOR CHINA RELIEF

These are the days of many, many appeals to the generosity of the American people, and if there seems no end to these demands, perhaps we should remember that, so far, we have been fortunate beyond all the rest, and for that reason we invite attention to the needs for China Relief. China and Japan have been at war now for five years, and the news wire today carried this little statistical summary of the struggle:

Number of battles fought, 12,000.
 Length of battle-front, 2800 miles.

Killed and wounded, China 3,000,000, Japan 1,700,000.

Japanese mileage gains, 1937 17.4 kilometers, 1941, 8 kilometers.

Cities abandoned by Japanese (1940), 66. Japanese - occupied territory, 300,000 square miles.

Free China, 2,700,000 square miles.

Population under Japanese control, 40,000,000.

Population of free China, 410,000,000.

Comparative national debts, Japan \$25,000,000,000, China 4,300,000,000 (in Chinese dollars.)

That taxes our imagination. So far we have had no experience of battles on the home grounds, buildings shattered, fields destroyed, multitudes homeless, children orphaned and the ever-present stench of death. One of our neighbors in Eugene has a more vivid understanding of China. She is Mrs. V. A. Riasanovsky, better known as Nina Federova, author of "The Family." Not long ago Mrs. Riasanovsky asked her younger boy to draw his most vivid memory of childhood days in Tientsin.

The youngster drew a Japanese soldier in field kit booting a Chinese coolie who lies prone in a gutter. Moved that a child should have such terrible memories of China, Mrs. Riasanovsky wrote for The Atlantic a story "Onions," describing life under Japanese occupation. She asked that the check be given to China Relief. This act has brought from Mme. Chiang Kai-shek an illuminated "card of thanks" in the Chinese fashion, likewise a personal note from Pearl Buck who knows the Chinese perhaps better than any American.

Nobody is asked to give unless he can, but each American is asked to give something if he can for a very great and heroic people.

WINNING THE WAR BACKWARDS

Best that can be said of the situation in Russia is that the Germans have not advanced quite as rapidly as they had hoped and the Red armies have proved tougher than expected. However, Stalin's appeal to his people to take up guerrilla tactics and leave the invader only the scorched earth against the coming winter is not the appeal of a leader who expects an immediate victory.

Considerable of Russia's mineral and industrial resources lie east of Moscow, and the Reds long ago scattered their industries inland in anticipation of just such emergency as they face now. Furthermore crisis may restore in Russia (in the Soviet Republics) that same zeal which enabled the old bolsheviks to drive off czarist armies and allied interventionists after the last World War.

Strategically the position of Uncle Joe Stalin's armies could still be very strong, but there is the question as to how far Uncle Joe's ruthless dealing with opposing factions has undermined Soviet morale. Are the Russian people of today still the inflamed patriots of 20 years ago when revolution and counter-revolution had at long last given them the chance to realize their dreams? Or are they disillusioned?

There is another important difference today. The German is a different kind of foe, a much better equipped and much more determined foe than any of those who battled back and forth across Russian frontiers in 1919 and 1920. With the exception of the White Russian armies trying to regain a homeland, other nations, war-weary had little interest in those border wars.

It is nice to be optimistic but we can't see much encouragement in a resistance which has been driven back 300 miles in two weeks. It is unlikely that Hitler's armies will go much farther than Petrograd, Moscow and the key ports on the Black sea. They want oil and they want grain for a long siege of Britain, for they now hold the continent of Europe and though millions of subject peoples starve, Germans will not starve. Time no longer is on our side, when Russia falls, for either we must see Britain strangled by exhaustive siege, or—

We must join Britain in the AGGRESSIVE. If German power is not broken soon, we may have to face it over here.

That is why Secretary Knox is urging our navy to take a hand in the vital Battle of the Atlantic.

That is why General Marshall is asking that no restrictions be set on where American forces may be used.

We are at WAR, whether Mr. Roosevelt admits it or not.

Even he agrees we cannot afford not to win, now.

We see little hope that we can be spared by this Russian campaign.

If we have gasless Sundays, perhaps the back-seat driver could be accommodated if the family bought a tandem bicycle.

Her numerous peace pacts suggest that Turkey is out to avoid any trimmings.

The man who finds a way to cut the red tape in Washington, might be offered a blue ribbon.



First American built 40 mm. anti-aircraft cannon—same type that stopped the dread Stukas in Europe—made a show for curious on the streets of Akron, O., as they were wheeled out during presentation to the U. S. Army. The guns are being built by Chrysler, mounted on carriages made by Firestone in Akron.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

MAKE NOTE OF THIS

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Recently in the 20 question column of Liberty magazine appeared this question. What is the correct title of the Christmas poem "Twas the night before Christmas"? Although several people were present and read this question, not one of them knew the correct title. It is an astonishing fact that although this famous poem is known to almost every American, yet few know the poem by its correct title. It so happens that the author Clement Clark Moore was a cousin of mine and we had a pretty illustrated copy of this poem in our family for years. The correct title is "A Visit From St. Nicholas." I believe everyone should know this poem by its correct title.

Yours truly,
 RAYMOND MORRIS,
 Eugene, Ore.

To the Editor:

Here's a little poem that might be of interest to the farmers and grange members:

Farmers boost the Oregon Trail in every way you can,
 Make it the greatest Pageant since Pageantry began.

Help out our town and her renown,
 and farmer if you please
 Get every vote which you can tote
 for fair Princess Louise.

The boys their whiskers proudly scratch—the girls in gingham smile,
 George Hitchcock's got up steam enough to throw the bull a mile.

The sheriff's posse astride their plugs, they're desperate looking he-s,

Now votes collect and we'll elect the Grange's Queen Louise.

Pomona's queen is blonde and sweet—graceful as waving grain,
 If style and grace were all it took, the throne she'd easily gain.

But votes it takes, so get them soon, and we'll make Louise Ina

The ruler of Eugene's great show and mighty Queen Susannah.

—FRED KNOX.

LADIES! LADIES!

AKRIDGE—(To the Editor)—I have taken in your pageant every year. But there has been something about it that just wasn't right.

So I have studied it out. It is the ladies' part.

They have long dresses and short hair. Who ever heard of short hair years ago. I would suggest long hair with old time

addresses.

As long hair on ladies' was the only thing in the old days. Here's for a better pageant and long hair to go with it. Then you will have something.

Yours truly,
 ANNASTEACHA BALDERREE.

FRUITAGE

I think of life as a garden,
 With God the sower of seeds,
 And to each one He gives a garden.

To bear fruitage for His needs.

But where have I failed my garden,

For I find no fruitage there,
 What can I offer my Master
 From my garden shriveled and bare?

Oh, I know I followed my own way,
 And visioned a fruitage so rare—
 But I failed to nourish it daily,
 From the deep fountain of prayer.

Dear Master, I'll heed your counsel,
 And humbly do my part,
 If you'll walk again at eventide
 In the garden of my heart.

—ELIZABETH MCCULLOCH.

THE UNIFORM

We are not ashamed of the uniform and if you are a friend
 You will never say against it any word that will offend.

It has covered honored bodies and by heroes has been worn
 Since the birth of the Republic and the Stars and Stripes were born.

Uniforms have many patterns—some are khaki, some are blue.
 And the men who chose to wear them are of many patterns too.

Some are sons of wealthy parents, Some are college graduates,
 Some have many manly virtues—some are only reprobates.

We have many skilled mechanics, men of brains and letters who
 Loyal served the country that they are a credit to.

No indeed, they're not all angels, Black legs, yes, we've some of those.

When they came into the navy they all wore civilian clothes.

Men of all kinds when there's drinking misbehavior, act rough and swear—
 Drunken sailors or civilians are disgusting anywhere.

We have sat with you in public smelled your whiskey-laden breath,
 Heard remarks inane and silly, nearly boring us to death.

Though we offered no objections when those silly bores we met,
 Yet you think you must exclude us from the most exclusive set.

If you meet us out in public, on the street or anywhere
 We don't merit sneering glances or a patronizing stare
 For we have an honored calling as our garments fairly show
 You may be a thief or parson, how on earth are we to know?

I don't care, what your profession occupation, what you do
 When you're gazing at a sailor, and he's looking back at you—
 Who is there to judge between you as you stand there man to man?

Only one, the God Almighty. Name another if you can.

Drop your proud and haughty bearing and your egotistic pride;
 Get acquainted with the soldier, and the heart and soul inside.

Test and try to analyze him. Criticize him through and through
 And you will very likely find him just as good a man as you.

—Submitted by Mrs. Ruby McCloskey and Mrs. Hazel Gray for Military Mothers Service club.

Lines From The Library

It is interesting to note that The Alliance Book Corporation who offered prizes for window displays of "Out of the Night" by Jay Valtin has awarded the third prize to the J. K. Gill Co. of Portland, Oregon.

The latest addition to the Rivers of America series has been added at the Eugene Public Library and is "The Brandywine" by Henry Seidel Canby. This river "is a little river of big events," being the locale for New Sweden and for William Penn's Quakers. Besides being important in American history, the river is in itself a beautiful river. The author, born on its banks, writes most affectionately of the river. Mr. Canby is a well-known author, college professor and literary critic and was for years editor of the Saturday Review of Literature.

One of the new non-fiction titles on the rental shelf is "Dawn Watch in China" by Joy Homer. In 1938 Miss Homer was sent to China as a reporter for the United American Relief Boards. For fourteen months she travelled through China, drove a medical supply truck, was under fire, and was temporarily blinded by a bomb. The book is informal in tone and gives her observations of the Chinese under war conditions as well as her experiences in that war-torn country.

At the annual convention of The American Library association held in Boston recently, announcement was made of the giving of the John Newbery Award to "Call It Courage" by Armstrong Sperry and published by Macmillan Company. The John Newbery Medal is presented to the book which the Children's Librarians of the country select as representing the most important contribution to children's literature by an American author.

At the same meeting the group selected "They Were Good and Strong" by Robert Lawson and published by Viking as being the most beautiful picture book for children published in 1940. "Young Mac of Fort Vancouver" by Mary Jane Carr of Portland, Oregon, and "Blue Willow" by Doris Gates were the runners-up for the Newbery Medal while "April's Kittens" by Claire Turley Newberry was runner-up for the Caldecott award.

"Crusader in Crinoline" by Forest Wilson is a full-length biography of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the famous author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, set against a picture of her times. It is the author's contention that Mrs. Stowe was, as Lincoln is supposed to have said "the little woman who made a great war." The book is well written and an excellent picture of the life and culture of the period in which Mrs. Stowe lived.

Monday Rehearsal Is Last For Registration
 Monday night's rehearsal of the Oregon Trail pageant chorus will be the last at which new registrations will be accepted, Glenn Griffith, chorus director, announced Saturday.

Copies of all the songs to be sung by the chorus are being prepared in booklets for each singer and all of the music will be ready Monday night. A complete rehearsal of all the music will be held.

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HE'S A BIG BOY NOW—The six-lobed ball of Strato-Sentinel, a barrage balloon being given an experimental test at Goodyear plant in Akron, Ohio, is readily visible in closeup. The helium-filled giant, which has a capacity of 100,000 cubic feet, is being developed along with several other balloon types as part of the nation's defense effort.

Eugene Hunt Club To Take Part in Oregon Trail Events

The Eugene Hunt club is taking an active part in the pageant parade with a group of riders, to be made up of members and friends of the club, riding Western style. This is in addition to the Eugene Sheriff's posse, to which many Hunt clubbers belong. Members and former members are asked to get in touch with Abe Bangs, who is in charge of the Hunt club's entry. Those who do not have western, army, or side saddles may use their flat saddles if the costume and general equipment is pioneer style.

Announcements about pageant participation and summer recreation in general will be made at the Hunt club's regular ring ride, at 8, and meeting, at 9, Wednesday evening at the fairgrounds riding arena. New drills and entertainment will be featured in the ride, to which all Hunt clubbers are urged to come. Wayne L. Morse will be drill master.

Sunday morning at 10 a. m. a public social ride will be held to which any rider is cordially invited. The group will leave the fairgrounds at 10 o'clock, and will be lead through scenic parways south and west of Eugene, returning at noon, where members may make coffee in the clubroom and at their dinners around the fireplace.

Sunday, July 13, Dr. and Mrs. James A. Bradley have invited the club to a ride to their home on the Meadowview road for a dinner. The route to the Bradley place is along the wide shoulder of highway 99 north to the Meadowview road, a very safe, scenic trip.

Weekly Wednesday and Sunday rides will be continued throughout the summer, most of the Sunday rides to be open to the public.

Dr. Carter to Lecture At Monday Dinner

Dr. Edwin O. Carter, of Hollywood, Calif., will give an illustration lecture dealing with the problems of pyorrhea, at a dinner meeting Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Palm room of the Osburn hotel. His appearance will be sponsored by the Lane County Dental association.

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Dr. Carter is visiting with C. C. Carter, and Dr. W. K. Key, prior to his appearance at the sessions of the Pacific Dental conference, in Portland July 7-11.

Evans Drops Active Part in Pageant

Announcement was made today by Director Doris Smith John Stark Evans will be asked to take active part in the chorus and symphony for the Oregon Trail pageant year but that he will continue musical advisor.

Mr. Evans was named in the month ago and has contributed both his time and a number of different arrangements for songs which will be sung.

Glenn Griffith will take director of the chorus and Stehn as leader of the band.

Two Pageant Radio Programs Announced

What to know about the ant will be the subject of a radio program to be broadcast over KORE Monday night 7 to 7:15, according to Mrs. Chase Christie, radio director. Participating in the program will be Marvin Kravitz master, Grada Brown, housewife, C. A. Huntington, don Auh, Miss Mary E. Earl, Dr. Charles Thompson, Cal Young.

A second radio program, the week will be that on from 8:15 to 8:30, when Whiskalantes "ride again," entering a mock trial of Eugene's whiskerless gent.

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