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OBLIGATIONS TO TEEN AGE

There is a magnificent spirit in this proposal of the "teen age" boys and girls of Eugene and Springfield to take the lead in meeting some of our juvenile problems, and this spirit must not be crushed or disregarded.

To the energetic young men of Eugene's Junior Chamber of Commerce who have helped the high-schoolers bring some of their problems to public attention, the community owes thanks.

Too long, this community has been guilty of a "can't-be-done" attitude in providing for those healthful and constructive programs which for want of a more accurate name are called "recreation."

As to the specific program demanded by the young leaders, we have some very definite reservations, but nevertheless we feel that their proposals merit prompt consideration and to the limit of practically the entire community's help.

In classes and assemblies in all the senior and junior high schools of the area, discussion has been boiling and bubbling this last week, and students leaders of the Eugene-Springfield area have formulated these proposals:

1. Modification of 10 o'clock curfew to permit midnight limit on Friday and Saturday nights (which the council has already granted).
2. Self-policing, so far as possible, by the youngsters themselves (and youngsters can be pretty tough on their own when they break a pact).
3. A downtown clubhouse or "Teen Canteen" where the teenagers from the entire Eugene-Springfield area can have good clean dancing, games, entertainments without too much "teacher bossing" which seems to crimp such activities in school buildings.

The youngsters have their eye on the unfinished upper floors of the Almack building (a fine central location) and they are not in the least daunted by the fact that basic flooring, lights, plumbing and other necessities might cost \$10,000 upward before they embark on operations for which there is not yet any definite budget.

Now we do not contend that "it can't be done," because if this is the right answer then it certainly can and will be done, but we raise certain questions:

1. Is this really the best answer?
2. Is the offer of the Almack building "on your own terms" as good as it seems considering heavy investment and future uncertainties?
3. Since minors cannot make contracts, who will be RESPONSIBLE for the youngsters in this quite sizeable business enterprise?
4. Are we sure that a "Teen Canteen" is what we need for Eugene no matter how glamorous may be the reports from Fort Wayne and other cities?
5. What happens to this program when summer comes and most people seek out of doors?
6. Is the need in the Eugene-Springfield community a heavy plan investment (which will require much money for upkeep), or is it for LEADERSHIP?
7. Isn't the first thing we need, a carefully selected person—not a school teacher or an "up-lifter"—but a person who has good sense about kids and knows how to organize "things to do", indoors and outdoors, for both sexes, and especially how to draw into activity "the kids who keep getting left out"?

Much as we would like to see the kids "on their own" in shaping these programs, we see no way in which Experience and Responsibility can be left out. If we can find the right person, he will be worth whatever it costs to take him from his present job and put him on this one, but we feel very strongly that the leader, and the practical program must come ahead of investment in doubtful ventures.

Nor do we think that "kid resistance" to use of neighborhood schools and facilities will persist, if there is a leader who knows how to guide a program, shaped by kids themselves, without getting schoolteachery.

Maybe we should have a downtown club for kids, a Teen Canteen, but let's see if we can't work it out first on a very practical basis. If it works, if the demand continues, we can even build a building for this purpose, when the time comes.

We think the school board should take the lead in finding and hiring "the right man". If their budget and the city's recreation budget prove inadequate, we feel sure the Community Fund will step in to complete any program which is sound. The money is here. We do not need any special drives.

We need a leader who knows how to get the confidence of teen age boys and girls, who knows how to help these kids select the adult volunteers, so necessary to any such program. Sure we have Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and YMCA, and YWCA, and lots of school activities, but we have never really made an intelligent approach to this problem of the joint boy and girl activities which are normal for teen age.

We hear some Old Timers muttering: "What these kids need is cows to milk and horses to tend and wood to chop and if necessary an occasional session with the Old Man and some apple sprouts."

We know how it is to feel that way. Un-

fortunately the town home in an industrial and urban setup just doesn't function that way. These kids are not a bit different from kids of any time or place. Like their older brothers and sisters who are fighting our battles, they will come through magnificently when the time comes. They will come through now, but they need a little intelligent help.

The kids are on the right track only they don't quite know which way they are headed. They need a leader in just a bit different pattern than schools of education and "up-lift" can turn out. We'll bet on the kids. It's time to "get going" and help them work this thing out.

SUSPENDER BUTTONS

The WPB had a peculiar notion, some time ago, that buttons could be saved by leaving them off those places on work pants where suspenders customarily are attached. We are not informed whether the author of this idea expected faith to hold up war workers' pants or whether, being well-equipped himself, he was thinking in terms of belts or pieces of rope or something like that.

Lumberjacks, shipyard workers and fishermen, speaking for themselves and for millions of others, protested that if buttons were being saved, it was at the expense of human dignity.

A new WPB order has been promulgated. Buttons for suspenders once more are not only de rigueur but also legal on work pants.

PENICILLIN

So much has been written about the wonders performed by penicillin that many are inclined to think of the new drug as a miracle-working cure-all. The Army's warning against this attitude is very timely. Penicillin does work miracles, but it is not a cure-all.

Tests with 313 selected cases show that the drug is very effective against certain bacteria, and completely useless against others. Some bacteria, after capitulating at first to the drug, then build up a resistance that approaches immunization. Penicillin is most effective when used as supplement to other treatments, rather than by itself. It's good—but it won't do everything.

A woman bandit used tear gas in an attempt to rob an Oklahoma bank. The same old feminine formula—tears for money.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

STRIKE VS. WAR OBJECTIVES

THERE was something pathetic and shameful about Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's surprise press conference when he announced how the Army was taking over the railroads. The mere fact that the Army was having to stop everything, right in the middle of a war, to run the railroads, was a sad commentary—a ghastly confession that, in Bob Casey's language, this is a hell of a way to run a railroad and a hell of a way to run a war.

Here is the invasion of western Europe now being planned. Here is the Burma campaign in the making. Here is the Pacific offensive against Japan under way. All require intricate scheduling of supply and the most detailed operational planning. All must be temporarily held in suspense while the Army moves in to buck up a broken-down civilian economy and stop the threat of a strike.

Secretary Stimson's conference was symbolic of this whole disgraceful business. The secretary had called on press conference. Instead, a conference had been arranged by the Army Air Forces for Maj.-Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Jr., head of the American Eighth Bomber Command in England.

GENERAL ANDERSON was to be in Washington only a few hours. He was authorized to reveal one of the most dramatic disclosures of the war—how, in the last two months, in spite of bad weather, the Eighth Bomber Command had dropped nearly 18,000 tons of high explosives on German targets—dropping them sometimes through clouds 25,000 feet thick, but with every assurance that those bombs were hitting their targets with accuracy because of newly developed navigation techniques.

General Anderson could not reveal how this precision navigation was done, but the bare statement that it was being done at all was a disclosure to thrill anyone at home. Yes, anyone. Even a striking railroad or steelworker. Heretofore, precision bombing from high altitudes could be done only in daylight and under perfect weather permitting perfect observation. But now—now they could drop 'em down that rainbarrel even through 25,000 feet of overcast. This was an important contribution to the winning of the war. This was news.

Half-way through his recital, General Anderson was interrupted. One colonel came in a back door of the conference room and walked forward to whisper in the ear of a couple of other colonels. All three colonels left the room in a hurry. Then much running around and dispatching of majors and lieutenant colonels hither and yon, creating the impression that something terrible had happened.

Bombshell, Domestic Type
THE door of the conference room flew open, everybody stood up, and in walked Secretary Stimson, followed by Lieut.-Gen. Brehon Somervell, to tell the story of how the Army had moved in to take over the railroads in 23 minutes after the President had issued his order for government seizure. The story of how the war in the air was being won could wait. The whole war could wait.

The important thing was to tell how the Army was having to take over the railroads because civilians were threatening to lay down on their jobs. It was the most disgraceful admission of dereliction of duty since Pearl Harbor. The much-vaunted civilian economy that the boys are fighting to save had been spotlighted with its pants around its ankles.

When Secretary Stimson and General Somervell were through with their announcements, General Anderson took the floor again for a few closing remarks. The troops at the front all keep their eyes on the home front," he said, "and I'm glad to be able to go back and tell them how well this situation was handled."

With all due respect to you and your Eighth Bomber Command, General Anderson, nuts. Go back and tell your brave bombers that a bunch of quitters was all ready to let them down—would have let them down if the Army had not diverted its energies away from the war front to save the home front from collapse. This is nothing to be proud about. This calls for sackcloth and ashes, for penance and for tears.

Miss Fields To Be Wed In Portland

By MARIAN LOWRY

INTERESTING to Eugene friends is news of the approaching marriage of Miss Betty Elaine Fields of this city to Dean C. Taylor of Portland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon N. Fields of Eugene.

The wedding is to be held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon next in Mt. Tabor Presbyterian church, Portland.

Mr. Taylor is the son of Mrs. Tully Taylor and the late Mr. Taylor of Portland. He is a petty officer in the navy.

Attending the wedding will be Mr. and Mrs. Fields from here and Mrs. Fields' mother, Mrs. Rosa Currin of Cottage Grove.

The bride-to-be is a junior at the university.

BETA SIGMA PHI

Beta Sigma Phi members met at the home of Mrs. R. Wilson Hutchison, Monday evening. Miss Betty McGowan, who recently came to this country on the Gripsholm exchange ship, and Mrs. Glenn Pirtle, executive secretary, American Red Cross, were special guests. Next meeting will be at the home of Miss Clara Nasholm.

P-TA EVENT

In charge for the potluck dinner arranged by the Woodrow Wilson junior high school P-TA for Thursday evening, six-thirty o'clock, in the Wilson cafeteria, the building across the street just west of the school building, are Mrs. John Robertson, Mrs. H. A. Robinson, as chairmen, assisted by Mrs. Russell Hendricks, Mrs. Melvin Moore, Mrs. Leo Christensen, Mrs. Howard Stenshoel, Mrs. B. H. McGillicuddy, Mrs. D. Driscoll. At the program following, Rev. Wesley Goodson Nicholson of the First Congregational church is to be speaker, the program to be at seven-thirty o'clock.

KINGS DAUGHTERS

Kings Daughters of United Lutheran church will not meet as planned Wednesday evening, but will postpone the session until February, because of illness among members.

To Meet Thursday

The Washington school P-TA will meet at the school in room 2, on Thursday at two-thirty o'clock. Miss Thelma Neville, from the Eugene Public Library, will speak on children's books. Tea will be served in room 4 with mothers from grades 4 and 5 as hostesses.

P-TA Group

The County P-TA executive group is to meet Thursday afternoon in the Penney store committee room, two o'clock. At this time plans will be made for the January meeting of the general group.

700 HOMES IN 700 HOURS

Homes are being constructed for Kaiser shipyard workers at the rate of 700 in 700 working hours.

Miss Fisher Bride At Elmira Service

ELMIRA — At a double ring ceremony held at two-thirty Sunday, Jan. 2 at Elmira Christian church, with Hartzell Cobbs officiating, Miss Betty Jeanne Fisher, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fisher, was married to Sgt. Vaughn Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Benson of Ridgefield, Wash.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a street length dress of cream gabardine trimmed in gold with a corsage of orchids. Miss Helen Fisher, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and wore a dress of rose gabardine with a corsage of gardenias.

Kenneth Smith, uncle of the bride, was best man. Mrs. Bowlsby played the wedding march and Mr. Fereber sang, "I Love You Truly."

Following the service an informal reception was held for those attending the service. Mrs. Tom Fisher and Mrs. Earl Fisher served, assisted by Misses Helen Fisher and Phoebe Bowlsby.

After a short wedding trip to Washington to visit the bridegroom's relatives Mrs. Benson will remain with her parents, planning to join her husband later.

Installation for Group on Monday

Illahee Division held installation of officers Monday afternoon at the Knights of Pythias hall, for the following officers: president, Mrs. H. F. Ogden; vice president, Mrs. H. A. Chandler; secretary, Mrs. Elsie Crouch; treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Rice; relief secretary, Mrs. Mary Dunn; chaplain, Mrs. J. B. Ward; sentinel, Mrs. C. O. Hosmer; musician, Mrs. R. M. Gordon; marshals, Mrs. H. R. Johnson and Mrs. O. F. Troxel; pillars, Mrs. L. G. Dorr, Mrs. S. E. Wall, Mrs. R. G. Carter and Mrs. L. W. Ruth.

Announcement was made of the monthly party to be held Jan. 18 at the home of Mrs. A. C. Goettsche, and the potluck dinner meeting, Jan. 22, at the hall.

Alumnae Meet

Delta Delta Delta alumnae met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. William Baker, giving a dessert party for the twenty-five pledges of the active chapter. Mrs. Ralph Christensen was hostess with Mrs. Baker for the meeting. Miss Mary Jane Dunn, president of the active chapter, and Miss Pearl Bonisteel, chaplain at the chapter, also attending. The alumnae present were Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. James H. Gilbert, Miss R. Louise Fitch, Miss Margaret Deane, Mrs. E. W. Ellis and her guest, Mrs. Jean Miller, Mrs. Pierre Van Rysselberghe, Mrs. Carl Benton.

For USO

Women of Eugene interested in signing up as Senior or Junior Hostesses at the USO are reminded they may contact Mrs. Ralph Kinder at the matter Thursday, in the library of the lounge at the USO headquarters, eleven until two o'clock. This arrangement will be carried on for every Thursday from then on.

Many Hours Given For Red Cross

MANY women have done their part in the past year to help the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross make a record in furnishing surgical dressings, according to Mrs. Joseph H. Jackson, head of the chapter's volunteer department in making these dressings, in giving her report to the annual meeting of the chapter, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Jackson read a list of those who have put in five hundred hours or more in making the more than 1,031,000 dressings.

Mrs. L. L. Constance of Eugene has put in 1680 hours at his work.

List Given

Workers who have given 500 to 600 hours are: Mrs. W. H. Haynes, Mrs. Orlando J. Hollis, Mrs. J. J. Kaufman, Mrs. Carl Koppe, Mrs. Harold McCrady, Mrs. P. D. Norton, Mrs. M. D. Rietman, Mrs. J. F. Roadman, Mrs. C. C. Page, Mrs. R. T. Watts, Mrs. E. E. Wyatt, all of Eugene; Mrs. Clara Taylor, Springfield; Mrs. Nettie Kohler, Springfield; Mrs. William Haek, Springfield; Mrs. C. S. Roberts, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Carl Leabo, Cottage Grove.

Those checking in for 600 to 700 hours are: Mrs. R. E. Lafferty, Mrs. Loy W. Rowling, Mrs. Carl G. Washburne, Mrs. L. H. Williams, all of Eugene, Mrs. Frank Morris, Springfield; Mrs. Nelle Christensen, Cottage Grove.

Those with 700 to 800 hours are: Mrs. Frank L. Jones, Springfield; Mrs. Wellington I. Switzer. Those having 800 to 900 hours are: Mrs. Fannie Clarke, Mrs. D. V. Harber, Mrs. F. B. Harlow, Mrs. G. C. Stanard.

Those with more than 1000 hours are: Mrs. Arne Strommer of Eugene; Mrs. J. F. Finneran, Cottage Grove.

More Workers Needed

Mrs. Jackson as well as other speakers on the Tuesday program stressed the need for more women in the county and Eugene to volunteer to do this work. Classes are conducted regularly and quotas are expected to be upped all the time.

FDR Ruling Seen As New Deal Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Congressional circles disclosed today that President Roosevelt's ruling against active military careers for congressmen, incidental to insuring the democratic party's slim house majority, had come in time to block the enlistment plans of about a dozen young representatives.

Four of the 12, most of whom were young democrats, were said to have already requested induction in the manner of Reps. Albert Gore, (D.-Tenn.) and Henry Jackson, (D.-Wash.) who took leaves of absence and are now full-fledged army privates. Had the mass enlistments gone through, it was said, they probably would have cost the democrats control of the house where they now hold only a scant majority.

New Officers in Charge at Meeting

New officers presided at the meeting of the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Rosetta Buchanan of Portland, department secretary, was a special guest. The group voted to contribute to the infantile paralysis fund in the county.

Dinner was served to both the auxiliary and the Sons of Union Veterans, in joint social session, at six-thirty o'clock Monday evening, with sixty in attendance. Mrs. Bert Rogers and C. V. Addison presented an entertainment skit.

Iota Sigma Has Meeting Monday

Iota Sigma met at the home of Mrs. Leo Deffenbacher Monday, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, working on a quilt for the Children's farm home at Corvallis. The quilt was completed, and several napkins hemmed as well. At noon, potluck luncheon was served, for which the members brought sandwiches and the hostess served dessert and drink.

A business meeting was called in the afternoon by Mrs. Clifford Gray, president, and Mrs. Ethel Purdy led devotions. Mrs. H. R. Burch reported that a miscellaneous box had been sent to the farm home in December, and the club also had purchased ten sheet blankets for the institution.

Plans were announced for a dinner meeting, the husbands to be guests, January 17 at six-thirty o'clock, at the home of Mrs. William Walter. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. John Daily, 245 Pearl.

Volunteers Needed For Drive Work

WOMEN have a big part to play in coming fourth war effort in Lane county and their interest is being urged by the committee in charge of the campaign, reports Mrs. Smith, head of the women's division for the drive.

Volunteers are needed to assist local chairman in ing out the drive.

In Eugene, all women east side of the city who are willing to donate their time and effort, are asked to call Mrs. Beck, east side chairman, and women wishing to help out on the west side to call Mrs. Virgil Peterson, she being the west side chairman.

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