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PORTRAIT IN A NIGHT CLUB

On the desk are several pictures of the first "Teeners' Dance" which was held last Friday night, under the watchful but not "alerted" eyes of the Junior Chamber and their wives, and there is one of the pictures which is quite a study. No, we did not choose to print that one, because the consensus of the "hard boiled" in this shop was that it might "put a couple of nice kids on the spot too much." Maybe we will frame it and call it "Portrait in a Night Club."

It is an interesting picture because it explains so much about all this "Teen Canteen" rumpus. It is a picture of a boy and girl at table scanning the dancers out on the floor. If the faces were not so extremely boyish and girlish you might guess that it was "Juanita Glumph, the famous movie star brightlight with Reginald Rawbones, the noted author at Ciro's" (or some such jernt).

Yessir, there's the tall necked bottle on the table (only it's plainly 'coke' and not champagne), and there's the sparkling crystal (only it's tumbler shaped). And the candles are drooling down to a stump. "Reginald" evidently is acknowledging some friend out there on the shuffle-deck. As for "Juanita", she looks verra beautiful, but slightly bored.

"One does rawther tire of these places, you know."

In the background, the "crooner" can be seen poised over "the mike." Of course you can't hear any of the sounds (thank God!) but the technique of the "crooner" is all there, big as life in the picture. It might be Frankie Sinatra, only it's much too intelligent; it's more like L'il Abner.

Boy! Boy oh boy!

Now you "old folks," keep your hair parted! No, we are NOT going to "spot" any particular kids! No, we are not shocked or even astounded, just being educated. And we are not preparing to blame it all on the evil influence of the movies or the movie mags or Life, or Look, or any of those things.

Mr. and Mrs. Parent, we see in this picture a reflection of you, a much more attractive reflection than you deserve. Do you remember the time you made that trip to San Francisco and Uncle Joe took you to the Bal Tabarin and you got your pictures taken with those silly paper caps on? No? Well, maybe that wasn't you. But you probably remember telling 'bout the night you all went to the "High Jinks" down at the Beale's Lodge, or some other club, most any other club? Huh?

Well, okay, you've always been sober and industrious and God fearing and tried to set the right example for the young, and kids weren't allowed to behave that way in the "good old days." Well, how about the time you got the Old Man's derby hat, Mister, and went down street with the gang, and tried cuttin' yourself a slice of plug. And you, Mamma, didn't you ever swipe your big sister's black picture hat, the one with the veil and her silk dress and high heeled shoes? You must have missed a lot of fun!

Maybe we are just seeing things, but we see a lot of us in these kids, enough to make us do some thinking about our own "behavior patterns." A kid that's brought up on a backwoods ranch or in a logging camp has a lot of advantages, maybe. His "beau ideal" is more likely to be a good cowhand or the top-notch rigger.

Well, come a few nice warm days and sandlot baseball can begin—and maybe with the kids the mood will change. As we look at this picture we recall old growing pains. Even in memory, they still hurt like sin. But there were not sin, if you get what we mean.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

JOBS FOR VETERANS
 (The Roseburg News-Review)
 By CHARLES V. STANTON

Communities are being urged to set up post-war projects to provide employment for every man who has entered military service from each individual locality. If plans are made everywhere to meet this goal, the task of absorbing ten million or more men back into private employment will be handled effectively.

There is one angle, however, which must not be overlooked—the fact that the returning veterans will include hundreds of thousands of young men who have never had a steady job but who, upon their discharge, will be seeking to establish themselves on a permanent basis.

Our high schools, colleges and universities annually graduate two million or more young men. In normal times these men find jobs and establish homes. But now we have graduates from our schools for three years in the services. The great majority will have reached an age where they will desire a reasonable measure of security in the matter of employment and the opportunity to establish homes. They will have had little, if any, experience in trade or profession and will have lost the years which ordinarily would have been spent in training themselves for permanent future work. On the other hand, they will be well disciplined, practiced in accepting and fulfilling orders, clear-eyed and alert.

The young men will be returning with rosy dreams for the future. They will rightfully expect the country for which they have been making such tremendous sacrifices to be prepared to receive

them and to provide them with the opportunity for a secure peace. Yet at the same time, having before them the history of the conditions with which their fathers were faced after the first World War, they will be fearful and critical.

It is going to be a difficult task to conduct a period of readjustment without many injustices. It will be a tremendous job to meet the demands which the returning veteran will have every right to make—demands for profitable employment in a spot where he may reasonably expect to be permanently located if he so desires.

He is not going to be satisfied with a work dolo or a glorified WPA. He will want a job he can depend upon to last while he sets up his home and establishes himself as a citizen of the community. It is to be doubted if private industry will be capable of absorbing immediately all of the returning veterans. There probably will have to be a certain measure of public works provided during a readjustment period.

It is essential that plans be made without delay for that eventuality. If any large percentage of the men returning to civilian life are unable to find employment, they will be easy prey for the political and labor radical. They will be subject to disillusionment and despair.

It is a fine thing for congress and the administration to consider the status of the homecoming veteran, and to provide safeguards in the form of mustering-out pay, bonuses, etc.; but the big need is for jobs. The veteran will want to go to work, after a reasonable rest, regardless of whether he has money in his pocket as a recognition of service.

Communities must prepare now to receive back their men, and to that end should have projects and finances set up to meet any employment lag and thus span the period between the end of the war and the time private industry can make necessary readjustments.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
 Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

CASE OF THE UNKNOWN OFFICIAL

Just before Christmas you no doubt read an alarming Washington dispatch, attributing to one of these vague ectoplasmic "high government officials" a grave fear that the American people were not facing the war realistically and had no realization that American war casualties in the coming few months might reach a minimum total of 400,000. Another version of the story raised it to a half-million.

This was admittedly a puzzler. Who was putting out this line of propaganda for home consumption? And what was the big idea, anyway? If these things were meant, why not come right out and say them with quotation marks around them?

Could it be General Marshall? He was just back from a quick trip around the world via Cairo, Tehran, MacArthur's headquarters and Hawaii, and presumably knew all the answers. No, it could not be General Marshall because he doesn't work that way and besides, hadn't he announced from New Guinea that the Japs were on the run?

Similarly, Air Force General Arnold could be eliminated because he had announced optimistically from Italy that the Germans were being taken care of, and General Eisenhower had predicted that Germany would be licked in 1944.

The president was eliminated because it was said that this modestly anonymous "high government official" spreading the bear stories spoke with the knowledge and approval of the President, Cordell Hull? Unlikely. Vice President Wallace? Well, maybe.

Finally one newspaper came right out and attributed the warning directly to Justice James F. Byrnes, the director of the Office of War Mobilization who is sometimes referred to as the "assistant president." It developed later that this disclosure was of borderline ethics in that it violated an understanding that the identity of the official inspiring the story be protected. This is a fine distinction to make, however, since the rules on this "off-the-record" and "on-the-record" stuff are not clearly defined and there is no accepted news "czar" to rule which is which. But since the cat is now out of the bag, to clear up the mystery and remove the misunderstanding and confusion it is possible to tell the inside story of how this particular ball-up occurred.

Justice Byrnes, not having to run for office any more, doesn't like press conferences. Since he took over the job of war mobilization director seven months ago, he has held less than half a dozen press conferences. He is, however, subjected to constant demands for conferences from the White House correspondents, and he has a press relations assistant in the person of Walter Brown, who used to be a Washington newspaper man himself.

It is Brown who gets all the requests that his boss see the press. Just before Christmas, to keep the more insistent of the White House correspondents happy, Walter Brown arranged to throw a party for a hand-picked list. It was supposed to be just a friendly gathering for a meal, at which Justice Byrnes would be the guest of honor. It was not to be a press conference. It was to be off the record. Walter Brown was to pick up the check and pay the bill out of his own pocket, which he did. It was said to have been a nice party.

After the food, however, the talk got rather broad, and on the subject of public apathy toward pressure groups and the war effort, Justice Byrnes, according to one account, encouraged his hearers "to broadcast his anonymous warning and plea."

Most of the correspondents considered this just more Washington talk, and since the party was off the record anyway, didn't write a line about it. But a few took the bait and started for town, with the results already observed.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

THE MAIL BAG AGAIN

Mail bag: "Dear Olive Barber: The next time you get any idea about little housewife tasks to keep us busy on the home front, please keep them to yourself. I tried the soap making you suggested in a recent column and this is what I have to show for my 'half hour of pleasant work': one chair minus paint; one linoleum rug minus linoleum; one pair of legs minus hide; and 30 bars of soap that won't wash anything."

"My husband has always been pretty patient with me; probably because of things like the time he spent \$18 on a punch board and came home with only one box of candy. But I don't know what he's going to say to all this. He won't know it was all your fault for I won't tell him I got the idea from reading your column; he thinks I waste too much time reading it as it is."

"I'd about decided to let the blackberry vines grow along our fence, since in one of your columns you thought results were unsatisfactory when you cut yours. But since the soap deal, I think I'll make a clean sweep of them. There's no use having color along the fences when the soap has peeled off all this there in the kitchen."

At the close, the lady relented and gave me a cordial invitation to come and see her. But she'd probably set me to repainting her chairs. I'm receiving an increasing number of letters from young men. One lad writes that he thinks he's fallen in love, yet how is he to know if it's the real thing? The object of his affections is a waitress. "I never thought I'd see the time," he writes, "when I'd sit drinking coffee at ten cents a cup for two hours straight just so I could look at a girl. One night she invited me up to her apartment; said I could help her and her girl friend put a jig saw puzzle together. She was just leaving at the time."

"Well I dropped my cup, fell off the stool, grabbed my hat, slipped twice getting under way and had the door open for her before she'd finished. Could this be love, Oliver Barber?" Well, could be, lad; could be.

Women Ready for War Loan

By MARIAN LOWRY
 STARTING their part in the fourth war loan, Tuesday, women of Eugene and Lane county will work specifically towards buying a hospital train in their solicitations, it is reported from the county women's chairman, Mrs. J. Don Smith.

For a hospital train, it costs \$65,000 for each car, and it is the purpose of the women's division to see how many cars it can add to the train.

About Drive
 In discussing the forthcoming drive, Mrs. Smith said:

"A door to door canvass is not too easy. The fourth war loan over, comes the Red Cross drive, and who knows, maybe the fifth war loan. The community chest has just been completed. But all over America the women have responded to the call to serve and help in these drives. If the women think they have reached their limit, they can remember they still have the privilege in this country to say you they will help or they can't help. All of us in America still have three good meals a day, we have time to sleep, we have warm clothing. And there is another thought—can any one of us in America and Lane county say we have done our part until the boys in service have returned?"

"The women's group in Eugene has decided not to have a special big kick-off meeting, but to hold small instruction groups, and use the time otherwise taken up with meetings to soliciting."

Mrs. E. W. Ellis is general Eugene chairman for the women's division, Mrs. J. H. Beck the east-side chairman, Mrs. Virgil Parker the westside chairman.

Each district will have opportunity to work towards a car for the hospital train and get credit for each car subscribed.

The women's division, too, will receive a plaque if a hospital train is subscribed in the bond solicitations.

E. C. Sammons, state chairman for the fourth war loan drive, has stated Oregon's success in the campaign to sell \$99,000,000 worth of war bonds will depend largely on women.

Mrs. Sallie Orr Dunbar of Portland is general state chairman for the women.

Missionary Group

SANTA CLARA—The Women's Missionary society met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. Barbee, president, in charge. The society voted to meet the third Thursday evening of every month instead of the second Thursday afternoon.

At the March meeting they will hold a "bean supper" and the young people of the community will be their guests.

Mrs. Arthur Guthrie was chairman of the program, the topic being "Origin of the Church." Mrs. R. L. McMillon and Rev. J. M. Shelley were visitors. Mrs. Guthrie, the hostess, served refreshments.

Hog Reduction Planned In Josephine County

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Josephine county farmers plan to reduce hog production 50 per cent and dairy herds 10 per cent this year, says O. K. Beals, county agricultural agent.

The scarcity and high cost of feed together with the distance to markets were given as reasons for the move by farmers at a production goal meeting here last week, Beals said.

Vegetable seed production will be increased 400 per cent, hops 25 per cent; corn 20 per cent; lardine seed 10 per cent and eggs 5 per cent.

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Groups at Cottage Grove List Events

COTTAGE GROVE—The new officers of Cottage Grove Chapter No. 4 Order of Eastern Star presided for the first time at the business meeting held Friday evening. The next meeting will be on Jan. 28 when Mrs. Hazel Foster, grand associate matron, Prineville, will visit this chapter. Mrs. Foster will hold a school of instruction in the afternoon on that day and will visit the regular lodge meeting in the evening.

The Women's Society of Christian Service held installation of officers at their regular meeting held Friday afternoon at the Methodist church. Mrs. Earl Cone was installed as president; Mrs. S. L. Mackin, vice-president; Mrs. Alvis Wickes, recording secretary; Mrs. Ransom Cone, treasurer; Mrs. N. E. Connelley, secretary of the mission study group; and Mrs. Herbert Breeding, secretary of the local activities group. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Maude Wright, Mrs. Albert Woodward, Mrs. Elmer Kent.

Shower Given For Recent Bride

SANTA CLARA—Mrs. J. T. Bennett, Mrs. E. G. Vogt, and Mrs. O. K. Baldwin gave a miscellaneous shower Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. C. S. Sederlin, honoring Mrs. Harold Sederlin, (Miss Virginia Ware), who was married Dec. 25 at the parsonage in Santa Clara, Rev. Jean M. Shelley, officiating.

Those invited to the shower were: Mrs. Harold Sederlin, Mrs. S. P. Ware, Mrs. Albert Hixson, Mrs. Elmer Roblyer, Mrs. Edith Couch, Mrs. Wilmer Walton, Mrs. Tony Reinholdt, Mrs. Roy Overgard, Mrs. M. K. Emmons, Mrs. C. D. Chezem, Mrs. E. C. Hart, Mrs. C. S. Sederlin, Mrs. Herbert Sederlin, Mrs. H. R. Emerson, Mrs. A. J. Huggert. The three hostesses served refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Sederlin.

Altar Society

Fourth division of St. Mary's Catholic Altar society is meeting Tuesday afternoon for dessert at one-thirty o'clock, home of Mrs. Gale H. Campbell, Mrs. O. W. Spies is assisting.

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Tea Given Sunday as Farewell

MRS. J. Francis White and Mrs. James V. Laneson were hostesses Sunday afternoon at a tea given at the White residence in honor of Miss Lucina Neaville, Miss Neaville, who has been vice president of Quota club the past year, has accepted a position as head librarian in the city library of Marysville, Calif., and leaves the latter part of the month for that city to begin her new work.

Ivory tapers and spring flowers made a background for the party, which included members of Quota and a few of Miss Neaville's close friends. Mrs. Perry H. Walbridge and Mrs. C. N. Butler, Miss Neaville's mother, presided at the table the first hour, and the second hour, Mrs. Gertrude Graham and Miss Marjory Stewart, president and vice-president-elect of the Quota club, poured.

The following is a list of invited guests: Miss Thelma Neaville, Mrs. C. N. Butler, Mrs. N. H. Anderson, Mrs. Max Burris, Mrs. Earl Byron, Mrs. Clarence Crocker, Miss Mardelle C. Edwards, Mrs. Clarence Elkins, Mrs. Gene Gibson, Mrs. Gertrude Graham, Miss Emilie Hedblum, Mrs. Frank Hill, Mrs. Harold Jensen, Miss Gertrude Peterson, Mrs. John C. Lamb, Mrs. E. A. Lundy, Miss Nellie Lyle, Mrs. Fred N. Miller, Mrs. Lillian Morton, Miss Janet Smith, Miss Thelma V. Schaefer, Mrs. A. J. Sundahl, Miss Marjory Stewart, Miss Patricia Sylvers, Mrs. A. N. Townsend, Mrs. Perry H. Walbridge, Mrs. Ray C. Smith, Mrs. Mary Sands, Mrs. Anne Gaveney, Mrs. Helen Soranson, Mrs. Earl Blackburn, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Genevieve Nettleton, Mrs. Leroy Newland, and Mrs. C. H. Michell.

Funds Assured GOP Convention Delegates

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Executive board members of the Oregon Young Republican federation today announced a sponsor has offered to pay expenses of two Oregon delegates to the republican national convention this year.

The executive group met here yesterday and authorized the republican national committeewoman and committeeman from Oregon to confer with other western committeemen regarding a regional meeting in Portland.

Training Plan Set By Scouts

IN attempting to meet the wartime challenge to all character-building organizations, the Girl Scout organization is offering training to an increasing number of women who are leaders of its youth groups, reports Mrs. C. L. Schwering, chairman of the training committee, and announces a schedule of training for leaders and council members.

A training course for Brownie leaders is scheduled to begin Wednesday, January 19, and will consist of four meetings. Meetings are to be held from one-thirty to three-thirty o'clock, each afternoon in Penney store committee room. The training course for intermediate leaders is to begin January 20 and will consist of four meetings. Courses are designed for new to the scouting program will offer the fundamental troop leadership.

A council member's course will be given on Monday, January 22. Arrangements have been made for a Girl Scout child care course for the children of members attending this course. Miss Marjory Stewart, training secretary, will conduct training sessions.



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