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BOY SCOUT WEEK

We rarely prize such things as schools, library books, running water and electricity. They are part of our daily lives, and we accept them automatically, as we do fresh air and sunshine. But when the anniversary of their invention or dedication comes around, we wonder who could do without them.

This is Boy Scout Week, the 34th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It makes us realize that Scouting, too, is one of those good things we sometimes take for granted. Yet, through two world wars and a world-wide depression, this organization has never once relaxed its efforts. It has helped make millions of boys into better, happier Americans. You can't be a boy in an axis country, or one dominated by the axis, and have the right to be a Scout, but many former Scouts in united nations fighting forces are now defending their country on the battlefield.

Every boy in America has the right to be a Scout—but not all of them enjoy the opportunity. There are not enough troops, and not enough adult leaders, to give all the boys a chance to join. The best way for a community to show its appreciation to Scouting is to see that no boy who wants it has to go without Boy Scout training and adventure. The investment will be handsomely repaid. Every new Scout is an added recruit for local war services and a fine citizen-in-the-making.

FRACTURED TRADITION

The English are proud of their traditions, and war and blitz have left their pride unshaken. But when friendly free-wheeling, jeep-driving Americans began buzzing along the English roads in their accustomed manner, even tradition couldn't take it.

A returned traveler reports that England is ready to scrap its ancient custom of driving on the left side of the road, and keep it scrapped.

Summer's passing means we have gotten rid of a lot of blood relations—mosquitoes.

The younger generation's great mistake is that it has learned things too readily from the older.

If better autos are built after the war, let's hope we also have better drivers.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By Peter Edson
 Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

"AVAILABILITY STATEMENT" USE

CHARGES that the War Manpower Commission's present system of "freezing" or "stabilizing" war industry workers on their jobs is almost totally ineffectual are made by Undersecretary of War Judge Robert M. Patterson, the government official directly charged with responsibility for procurement of war supplies for the Army.

Judge Patterson couples these charges with the assertion that the WMC-U. S. Employment Service system of granting "Statement of Availability" to workers in making them eligible for a change of job and re-employment in war industries is being constantly abused, with the net result that the quit-rates and labor turnover in war plants are excessive and a drag on the efficiency of war plant production. Quit-rates are now 5 per cent a month, the total labor turnover being 8 per cent a month, highest on record since World War I.

The principle of the "Statement of Availability" operation was made fairly simple. Before any workman could transfer from one war job to another, he was supposed to have a "Statement of Availability" from his old employer, otherwise the new employer was not supposed to hire him. The "Statement of Availability" thus became a kind of honorable discharge. Employers voluntarily agreed to abide by this rule to prevent poaching of workers. Any employee not holding a "Statement of Availability" was supposed to be ineligible for rehiring for 30 days. That was supposed to make employees stay on the jobs at which they were employed, and not go shopping around.

"Statement" Granted To New Workers
 PROVISION was made for the U. S. Employment Service offices to grant "Statements of Availability" to new workers entering the labor force for the first time, or to workers who wanted to transfer from non-essential to essential industries. Employers in the non-essential industries were not supposed to hire new workers unless they had "Statements of Availability" issued by the Employment Service. This gave the Employment Service office a chance to check on each job applicant to make sure that he was steered towards a plant that would make use of his highest skill.

The Employment Service was supposed to issue a "Statement of Availability" for only five reasons:
 1. To transfer a worker from a lower to a higher skill.
 2. To get a part-time worker employed full time.
 3. To give new employment to a worker who had been laid off.
 4. To give a worker employed at sub-standard wages (40 cents an hour or less) employment at a higher figure.
 5. To facilitate employment on a new job for some compelling personal reason, such as permitting him to take a job close to his home if he was now forced to commute 15 miles and couldn't get tires for his car.

Regulations Ignored
 THAT was the theory. In practice, the plan hasn't worked out at all. It is now charged. Employers have issued "Statements of Availability" to almost anyone of their workers who applied, because no boss likes to have a dissatisfied workman hanging around. Employers in non-essential industries have paid little or no attention to the regulations. Employment Service offices, when appealed to, may have tried to persuade workers to stay where they were then employed, but in the end have in many cases yielded to pressure because they had no way to enforce orders. In extreme cases, workmen applying for "Statements of Availability" and not getting them have resorted to calling the boss a nasty name, picking a fight with him, turning in a bad day's work, or playing absentee. That usually brought a firing penalty, rather than lose a workman's services for the 30-day penalty period, employment offices have been forced to issue new "Statements of Availability" and send the man to the first open job. Penalties were provided under executive order for employers who failed to live up to the terms of these voluntary controls, through indirect sanctions such as U. S. Employment Service refusal to send them new workers. That, it is believed, has seldom if ever been used, so it, too, is an ineffective control.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH
 Business took us into the next county. As we drove along, for some reason we got to feeling the burden of our years. You know how it is; how life has its valleys as well as its mountain tops. So now we planned how we might best prepare for the old age which we felt to be just around the corner. The more plans we made, the older we got. In a distance of five miles I acquired scurvy and a crick in my back. Since our thoughts usually follow the same channel, no doubt Frank had lost his hair and was using a cane. I stooped to tuck the robe about my ankles, my movements were those of a rheumatic old lady.

Just then we saw a man ahead of us, walking down the highway. He was fairly trotting along, though with the short jerky steps of the very elderly. We asked him if he would like a ride. He would, he said. His voice was soft and slightly quavery. In many ways he made me think of my father. I judged his age to be about eighty.

We asked his destination. "I'm going to my job," was the surprising reply. "Just now I'm keeping house for a school teacher and her husband. But for four months this summer, I worked in the shipyard." At this, I moved his age back to seventy.

His blue eyes took on a naughty twinkle. "I told them a sort of the when I went to work there. I said I was 72. Well, I was—plus ten. But I knew they'd never believe me if I told them I was 82, looking as young as I do." There was a naive vanity and complacency in the ripple of laughter he gave at his duplicity.

His wife was in an old people's home, being unable to care for herself. He'd had Christmas dinner with her. The home was a fine place, he said. He'd made the same statement about the shipyard. In fact life was treating him and his wife pretty good. He thought, come spring, he'd buy a little place and sort of settle down. He figured it was about time he prepared for his old age. Just then we arrived at his destination and he got out.

I retucked the robe about my feet with swift, nimble movements. Frank set his hat at a cockier angle. Some people have to hunt for a fountain of youth. The Barbers just pick one up along the road.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

ALUMNAE GROUPS

MEET ON MONDAY
 Several of the sorority alumnae clubs met Monday evening.

New officers were elected by Alpha Chi Omega alumnae at their meeting held at the home of Mrs. Clifford R. Manerud with Miss Lillian Dale as co-hostess.

Miss Mary Martha Sweeney was elected president; Mrs. Fred Kon-schot, vice president; Mrs. Calvin Smith, secretary-treasurer. Attending were Miss Sweeney, Mrs. Kon-schot, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Manerud, Miss Dale, Mrs. Arthur Bushman, Mrs. George Wilhelm, Miss Helen Bell, Mrs. Richard Hopper, Mrs. Oden Monjay, Mrs. Clair Hofflich, Mrs. Kenneth W. Moore, and as guests, Misses Charlene Pelly and Marilyn Campbell, president and vice-president, respectively, of the active chapters, and Mrs. Keep, mother of Mrs. Manerud. Miss Bell, Mrs. Wilhelm, and Miss Sweeney will entertain for the March meeting at the Bell home.

Plan Founders' Event
 Delta Gamma alumnae met at the home of Mrs. J. P. O'Neill, Monday evening. Plans were made for a rummage sale, and Mrs. W. M. Swangard was named chairman to arrange founders' day banquet in March.

Alumnae attending were Mrs. Hugh P. Ford, Mrs. Ivan Traynor, Mrs. Swangard, Mrs. Walter Banks, Mrs. Gordon Orput, Mrs. H. M. Peery, Mrs. John P. MacKinnon, Mrs. Thomas J. Fox, Miss Anita Simons, and Mrs. O'Neill.

Supper Held
 Beta Phi alumnae met for a supper, Mrs. John A. Warren and Mrs. William W. Bartle entertaining the group at the Warren home. Attending were Mrs. Claire Kneeland, Mrs. Carl Peterson, Miss Jane Hall, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Bartle, Mrs. H. C. Franchere, Mrs. V. D. Callison, Mrs. Willis E. Shepard, Mrs. Gordon Perlich, Mrs. Joe Gordon, Mrs. Lillian Croeland, Mrs. Leslie Whitehouse.

Other groups met
 Alpha Delta Pi alumnae were guests of Mrs. Robert Moody for their meeting, those attending including Mrs. Richard Knight, Mrs. Floyd C. Westerfield, Mrs. V. C. May, Mrs. Claude A. Potter, Mrs. George Webb, Mrs. Wilfred A. Moore, Miss Dorothy Rowland, Miss Vera Lamb, and Mrs. Moody.

Alpha Omicron Pi alumnae met at the chapter house, Mrs. Carroll Auld, Jr., as hostess. Attending were Mrs. Edgar Rice, Mrs. W. D. Dugan, Mrs. Gail D. Elliott, Mrs. Ed Siegmund, Mrs. Frank B. Reid, and the hostess.

DESSERT ON WEDNESDAY
 The monthly dessert meeting for the Young Business Women's club will be held at Newman's groette, Wednesday evening, seven-thirty o'clock. Hostesses for the meeting will be Misses Arils Tone and Dorothy DeRoss.

VISITING HERE
 Miss Vivian Meisel of Hayti, South Dakota, is here for an extended visit at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Meisel.

ALUMNAE MEETING
 Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae are to meet Wednesday evening, seven-thirty o'clock, home of Misses Alice and Wilhelmina Gerot.

IOWA CLUB
 Iowa club is meeting Wednesday evening, seven-thirty o'clock.

New Show at Holland
 Headlining an all-new floor show presented twice nightly through Sunday at The Holland are "The Sensational Coeds," a troupe of acrobatic dancing girls direct from eastern vaudeville circuits. Proclaimed by eastern critics as "America's most outstanding tumbling starlets," the girls are reported to have one of the fastest moving, most versatile acts in the show business.

Also featured is Gene Edwards, a puppeteer with a dancing sense of humor. He is billed as a review all by himself, with his mastery of puppetry.

Appearing at The Holland for her fifteenth consecutive week is Her act this week includes new Elaine Dennis, diminutive singer, gowns and new songs.

The entire floor show is paced by Rusty Colman, comedy singing and dancing master of ceremonies, a popular favorite with audiences at The Holland.

PICTURES: Picture Framing Ruth Wheeler, 122 E. Broadway

home of Mrs. W. M. Kitz, 900 Al-maden street. All former Iowa women are invited.

BODRY-JAYNES WEDDING SUNDAY

Miss Shirley Jaynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Jaynes, Nicholas Gardens, Springfield, was married to Master Sergeant Fred L. Bodry, Decatur, Alabama, at a candlelight ceremony solemnized Sunday evening at the bride's home, eight-thirty o'clock. Rev. Harry G. Crouse officiating.

The couple will make their home in Medford. Sergeant Bodry being stationed at Camp White.

The bride wore a white wool street dress and carried a bouquet of yellow rose buds. The ceremony was performed in front of the fireplace, and the decorations were daffodils and Dutch irises banked with greens. Preceding the wedding march, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" was played by Mr. Jaynes as a piano solo.

A reception was held afterwards attended by the family and close friends.

EDUCATIONAL GROUP REPORTS MEETING
 The Association for Childhood Education met at Lincoln school last week. Mrs. Opal Thorpe as president presided.

Miss Lola Newman gave a report on the previous meeting which featured a discussion of "The Primary Teacher," led by the principals of the Eugene schools.

New ideas for teaching music and reading were discussed. The members divided into groups, according to grades, and discussed various problems.

The Lincoln teachers were hostesses for the evening.

Youth Council Asks Playground Action
 Eugene youth council Monday night made the following recommendations with reference to the city's playground program:

(1) That the city council be urged to re-assume responsibility for the conduct of playground activities as provided in charter amendment of 1927 when the playground program was inaugurated.

(2) That the present plan of tax levy for playground purposes be continued.

(3) That the city council provide immediately for the appointment of an effective city playground commission;

(4) That the membership of the playground commission be composed of one representative each from the city council, school board, youth council and two members to be chosen at large.

Edward Duke of the junior chamber of commerce reported on the teen-age dances conducted during recent weeks at a local hotel. Roger Folgate, representative of the federal security agency which is assisting with the organization of recreational activities of wartime communities also was a speaker.

The following appointments to the youth council executive committee were announced: President, L. K. Shumaker; secretary, A. F. Holmer; Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, Mrs. A. R. Fredrickson, Mrs. E. G. Boehnke, E. A. Danielson, Edward V. Duke, Robert Clark, Miss Marjorie Stewart, Mrs. Edith Evans, Mrs. Glen Pirtle, Robert L. Phillips.

Next session of the council is scheduled for March 6.

Paul Thuneman
 Graveside services will be held at Rest Haven memorial park in Eugene Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Llewellyn O. Griffith officiating, for Paul Thuneman, who died Monday in Salem.

Thuneman is the father of Carl Thuneman, formerly manager of the McMorran and Washburne store in Eugene, now in business in South America.

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Mayor Riley on Forum
 The Eugene chamber of commerce forum luncheons will be resumed Friday with Mayor Earl Riley of Portland as guest speaker. Dr. Charles E. Hunt, chairman of the forum committee, announced Tuesday. The luncheon will be at the Eugene hotel, and is open to the public.

Mayor Riley is expected to talk of his recent experiences in England and Dr. Hunt suggests that many Eugene women may be interested in what Mayor Riley has to tell of the English woman's role in the war.

SANTA CLARA CLUB ENTERTAINED

The Santa Clara Women's club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. P. Hart, Mrs. C. D. Chezem, and Mrs. Roy Overgard as hostesses. Visitors were Miss Lyle Hart and Mrs. Ora Hart from Mohawk, Mrs. F. B. Sibley, Mrs. A. R. Shaffner, Mrs. W. A. Stevenson, Mrs. John Gregory.

The Lone Pine club and the Santa Clara club were joint hostesses at the USO the past week. Money was voted to buy oil cloth for the Alice Marie home shower, and for material for quilt linings for the Children's farm home. Red Cross sewing and knitting were distributed. A bond will be purchased during this bond drive.

Next meeting will be at one o'clock, March 2. Mrs. James Cadman, Mrs. Tony Reinholdt, and Mrs. Harry Ditter as hostesses.

AUXILIARY MEETS
 Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors met Sunday evening for six o'clock potluck dinner, preceding the regular lodge meeting, as is customary on the first Sunday of the month. A contribution was voted for the polio fund, during the business meeting. Plans were made for the social meeting, to be held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 10, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Pratt, 843 Oak street. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

SERVICE GUILD
 Members of the Evening Service Guild of the First Congregational church met for a covered-dish dinner Monday evening at the church, and later tied a comforter for welfare giving.

NEEDLE CLUB
 Needle club of the Women's Relief corps will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Cross, 1670 Patterson, instead of as first announced.

One Less Report Now
 Saving of a good many costly man-hours of labor for the 6,000 or more operators of trucks and other motor vehicles engaged in transportation of property and persons over state highways is expected as a result of a Monday order of Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg, which sets aside the old rule requiring that copies of all accident reports be filed in his department. Drivers of trucks must now notify the secretary of state, the sheriff of the county and the chief of police in the territory where an accident inflicts injury to persons or property.

Such public records will provide for the needs of the commissioner, he thinks.

Commissioner Flagg has filed copies of his order with Oregon county clerks as notice to all persons concerned.

BRUNTON COMMISSIONED
 Lt. Ernest Kirk Brunton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brunton, 347 Fourteenth Avenue east, recently was graduated from the naval air training center at Corpus Christi, Tex., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. marine corps reserve. He is a former student of the University of Oregon.

SCHAEFFERS IS CADET
 Edward Schaeffers, 547 Twelfth Avenue west, reported for basic training at the U. S. merchant marine cadet basic school, San Mateo, Cal. Upon the completion of an eighteen-months course he will be graduated and qualified to sit for license as third mate and will be commissioned as an ensign in the U. S. naval reserve.

ARRIVES AT COLLEGE
 Brian Gillespie, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Gillespie, 277 Grand, arrived January 15 at Central State Teachers college, Stevens Point, Wis. He will take a course of army air force instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet.

OUR CITIZENS IN SERVICE



CPL. WILBUR D. RIDDLE, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Riddle of Vador, Wash., and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shaw of Mabel, took his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and later was transferred to the desert center in California. He entered service two years ago.

McCRACKEN TO GRADUATE
 Ensign George Stannard McCracken, 27, of 1442 Ferry, will be graduated about mid-month from the naval reserve officer indoctrination school at Tucson, Ariz., where he has been taking a two-month course in seamanship, navigation, etc. A graduate of Oregon State college with B. S. degree in 1938, Ensign McCracken formerly was employed by the Lane county farm security administration. His wife, who lives here, is the former Ethel B. Johnson. McCracken was commissioned an ensign in October.

FOR FOOT TROUBLES
 See Eugene's leading Foot Specialist—Dr. Handshuh, 474 Williamette, Ph. 308, 18 years in Eugene. Examination free.

Dairymen to Get Proposed Policy

The Oregon Dairy Products commission at its first session, held at Salem Monday, adopted a policy resolution which will be considered at the annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association in Eugene Friday. The commission was created by the 1943 legislature to promote economic stability in the Oregon dairy industry.

C. A. Smith of Medford is chairman of the commission. George Pullenwider of Carlton was elected vice-chairman and Frank Hettwer of Mt. Angel secretary at the Salem meeting.

Other members of the commission are Lee Holliday of Klamath Falls and Louis Minoggie, Portland. They were appointed by Gov. Snell.

Ex-officio members attending Monday's meeting are Dr. P. M. Brandt, head of the department of dairy husbandry at Oregon State college, and E. L. Peterson, state director of agriculture.

Rhododendrons Bloom
 In southern Lane county they can boast about unusual produce, too, and an early spring.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hood, 782 Gibbs Avenue, Cottage Grove, report they have two rhododendrons in bloom at their home.

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