

200 Women Knit 7035 Hours for Red Cross

Two hundred women, working in the city and rural units of the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross, contributed 7,035 hours of knitting and produced 377 knitted garments during January and February, it was announced today.

Sewing, representing the work of 125 contributing 4,201 hours, saw the production of 1,271 garments. Seven hundred twenty comfort kits were made in 1,210 hours by the volunteer women.

During February alone, \$740

were spent on servicemen's families who were in need. The office handled 139 new cases of this sort, and was working on 519 cases in all.

Last month the local office handled 215 messages through the International Red Cross, to and from prisoners of war and others who are in foreign lands who have relatives in Lane county.

Nazis Fear—

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In having announced a fresh offensive in the Ukraine last night, The Red armies are making a furious onslaught to cut German Marshal Von Manstein off and either annihilate his forces or batter him down into the crater of the Balkan volcano.

So long as this intensive fighting continues, the Reds likely will want to concentrate their air power on the battle-front. However, an early spring already has turned the steppes into lakes of mud which greatly impede operations. By April it's possible that there will be a great slackening off of fighting for several weeks, though it's unsafe to assume this in view of the way military traditions are being shattered.

Red Air Strength

However, if there's a lull it presumably will permit the Russians to participate in the reduction of Hitler's strength by bombing. The Muscovites keep the figures of their aerial strength to themselves, but we know they are capable of hurling a great force at the nazis as witness their recent attacks on the Finns. Certainly the Red fleet may be expected to do intensive bombing of German bases and communications in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Moscow approves of the Anglo-American air drive against Germany, but it's interesting to have Lt. Gen. Boris Sterligov remind the allies again through the newspaper Red star that Hitler won't fall by bombing alone. It will be, says the general, by the "active operations of a land army of many millions in cooperation with air and sea forces."

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Welfare Allowances Liberalized Here

The Lane county public welfare commission, at its regular meeting Thursday, took action to concur with the state public welfare commission by approving the plan to consider a victory garden, or kitchen garden, as an inconsequential resource and shall not be taken into account as a food resource unless the garden produces more than 50 per cent of the food needs of the individual; also the county commission approved the increased range for personal needs in the budget plan, from a \$2 to \$6 range to a \$5 to \$10 range for each individual.

This new procedure will enable the commission to liberalize the average grant, particularly for the old age assistance program.

This additional cost can be adequately financed from the county level, under a resolution adopted by the state public welfare commission whereby the state will pay 90 per cent of the general assistance obligation, the county paying 10 per cent. This is in effect as of March 1, 1944.

The county has previously paid 20 per cent of the general assistance obligation. Based on the number of cases under the head of general assistance last month the estimated saving to the county under the new plan will be \$1170.25 a month.

Max Dudley, welfare commission administrator, at the meeting Thursday, submitted his estimate of the funds needed for April, placing the total at \$50,250. Under the head of general assistance, the estimate is \$7700; old-age assistance, \$34,000; aid to dependent children, \$3200; blind assistance, \$500; administration, \$3750; soldiers' and sailors' aid, \$300; county farm, \$800.

Syracuse—

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A. Dittman, chairman of Syracuse Housing Authority.

The Central District—by City Plan Commission, Robert A. Bryant, chairman.

Where does the returning war veteran come in?

They have that figured, too. Their studies indicate that they will need 12,000 jobs in the area to take up slack. Through the chamber of commerce there is an intensive effort (and successful) to attract desirable industries and to encourage new ones. And on the side of public works they propose to be ready with USEFUL PROJECTS which over the next 10 or 20 years will make Syracuse a better place to live in. Education comes into the picture in a big way. At the head of the division which will seek to meet all the human and personal problems of post-war readjustment is Mrs. Scotia R. Ballard, alert, informed, with a wealth of practical experience. (She wants all the information of the type of vocational approach which has been developed in the vocational school at Eugene).

Syracuse has a magnificent program and a highly developed set of plans but now comes the question:

"What do we use for money?"

Syracuse and Onondaga county are not "broke" but they have very heavy bonded debts and high taxes (at least twice ours). It might be said that Lane county has started from the other end of the situation; we get cash first; then we build plans.

In Syracuse there is expectation of considerable federal aid with the financing of these post-war public projects, but there is also a strong sentiment to resist anything which looks like federal dictation or regimentation.

They are just beginning to explore the financing of their local government, the possibility of getting for the cities a more adequate

split of New York state's enormous gas tax revenues and school taxes. You can sit in a Syracuse conference and close your eyes, and except for a few strange names you are "in Eugene."

How far has all this ferment reached down to the people who will do the voting?

It is difficult for any casual visitor to tell. About every other tax driver was well posted on the movement. The haberdasher who sold a clean shirt was also completely sold on the idea of rebuilding the town.

While waiting in Sergei Grimm's office, Clem Bowers, nurseryman and head of the similar planning movements in nearby Binghamton came in. It was his opinion that the interest is positive and widespread in nearly all the central New York towns.

There are skeptics, of course. There was one right important business man who said:

"It's all fine but to hell with this nonsense, we'll pin their ears back when the time comes. What we need in the post-war is more industries, and that's what the business people will demand."

However, the stranger in Syracuse gets the impression that these enthusiasts for a better Syracuse have started a bonfire which will not be extinguished by a few people spitting at it. That group of women leaders down at Victory Center means business.

Besides there is a thing called "Syracuse on Trial" which is being staged every Sunday afternoon at 2 over Station WFLB. It was not possible to remain in Syracuse over Sunday but arrangements were made with Ray Garter and William Thorpe at the radio station to play one or two transcripts.

It was necessary to wait a few minutes till a mob of kids from the Syracuse schools could get under way with a dramatic program. (They have a very lively dramatics program for children in Syracuse). Then Garter and Thorpe played the transcription of recent date when Syracuse citizens tried Syracuse for tolerating the perennial floods from Onondaga creek and the pollution of Onondaga lake by industry.

Presiding was Hon. Clifford Searle, justice of the New York supreme court; prosecutor, Attorney George Haight, former state assemblyman; defense counsel, Attorney William C. Martin, former district attorney and state senator, the jury representative men and women of the community.

Sunday after Sunday they stage one of these trials, with a real judge and real lawyers and real witnesses and real jury, and there are plenty of times when the judge has to "preserve decorum in the court," because although Syracuse is a beautiful city, it has many "sore spots" and some of the witnesses are brutally frank in their efforts to bring out "the truth and the whole truth" no matter who gets hit.

It may be that all this effort in Syracuse will come to very little. There are everywhere the greatest obstacles are inertia and sheer ignorance. But it may signify that the leadership in the Syracuse-Onondaga Council embraces most of the city's outstanding "hard heads," the biggest industrial chieftains as well as "the dreamers."

The approach has been highly scientific, factual and the proposals are not nearly so costly or difficult as might seem. Of those proposals the Sunday story will give some detail. The most significant thing is that all this is actually happening in central New York, where people are almost as (if not more) conservative as in New England, where there has always been instinctive opposition to "the new."

Believe it or not their plans to save and stabilize their main business district call not only for new arteries for motor traffic and parking facilities but for a helicopter landing field.

William Vincamp

VENETA — William Vincamp, 68, of Veneta, died Thursday at a hospital in Eugene, following several months' illness. He was a native of Coos county, born April 6, 1875, at Allegany, and had lived most of his life in the coast area, except for the past few years, since he moved to Veneta. He was married to Rosetta Beck Koon, Feb. 3, 1920.

He is survived by his wife; one brother, Frank Vincamp of Marshfield; a half-sister and half-brother, Minnie Stemmerman of Marshfield and John Blake of Seattle, Wash.

Services will be held Monday in Marshfield, with burial in the family plot there. Miller, Sherman mortuary will be in charge of arrangements.

Finns Warn Hitler

STOCKHOLM, March 10.—(U.P.)—Usually reliable sources reported today that Field Marshal Carl Mannerheim, Finnish commander-in-chief, had telegraphed Adolf Hitler that the fall of Narva would make the German-Finnish military position in Finland untenable. The message was interpreted as a step by which the Finns hope to persuade the Germans to evacuate Finland voluntarily in order to conclude a separate peace with Russia.

Budget Committee Continues Scrutiny

Budget of the Lane county district attorney for fiscal year of 1944-45 will be higher than that of the past year, it was announced by the county budget committee after its Friday morning session ended. The total estimate of expenditures for the office of the district attorney was placed at \$5480 as against \$5210 in the past year.

The increase was allowed after it was determined that an assistant to the district attorney will be paid \$200 a month instead of \$190 and the amount allotted for supplies was raised from \$150 to \$270. William S. Fort was appointed to the position of district attorney recently when it was announced that Attorney William W. Bartle was entering naval service.

No decision on other budgets was made at the forenoon session, most of the time being taken up with discussion of items in several of them. The fair board's estimate for the coming year came in for considerable discussion. The question of whether or not the board could create a large sinking fund will be left up to the district attorney for a legal opinion.

The committee took up the matter of the levy for market roads and no decision had been made as to whether it should be a mill and a half, the same as last year, or two mills for the coming year.

Members of the committee asked that it be explained that the elimination from the budget of the defense council of the salary of Howard Merriam as coordinator was entirely voluntary on his part. In fact, he voluntarily cut his salary in half during the second half of the last calendar year, it was stated.

Allies Raid—

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against the ropes under the unremitting pounding of the American and British air forces. The RAF kept the offensive on an around the clock basis during the night by striking into France to bomb the Marignane aircraft plant 12 miles northwest of Marseilles on the Mediterranean.

Berlin still was burning and was being deserted by thousands of its inhabitants after the third massed daylight attack in four days by heavy American bombers, almost opposed by the German fighter force. The Americans lost only seven bombers and one fighter to anti-aircraft fire, contrasted with 68 and 11 on Monday and 38 and 15 on Wednesday.

Italy Patrols Active

On the front in southern Italy, patrol action was in progress as continued activity behind the German lines indicated they were still preparing for a fourth attempt to storm the Anzio beachhead. Allied aviation attacked the enemy at the front and maintained attacks on the supply lines around Rome.

German skirmishers struck repeatedly at British and American defenses around the beachhead perimeter, and small formations of Nazi fighter-bombers ranged over the battlefield to bomb and strafe the allied positions.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on one enemy patrol attacking the American positions, and the Germans called a temporary truce to permit the removal of their dead and wounded under the protection of a Red Cross flag.

Brisk skirmishing and artillery exchanges continued on the main 5th army front around Cassino and in the lower Garigliano valley, where high waters and mud pinned the bulk of the opposing armies to their trenches and foxholes.

Mary Cathrine Stitt

Mrs. Mary Cathrine Stitt, 93, died Thursday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Lenhart, 1060 Olive. She was born September 29, 1850.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Lenhart, Eugene; Mrs. Blanche Scheible, Springfield, and Mrs. Martha Hellwig, Los Angeles; one son, Lawrence Stitt of Marshfield; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Christian Science services will be held at Epile's mortuary, the time to be announced later.

Martha Louise Plath

Mrs. Martha Louise Plath, 71, died Thursday at the Rhoades-Lambert hospital, having been ill for a month. She was a native of Wisconsin, born Dec. 23, 1872, at Black River Falls. She was married to Emil Plath in Penn. North Dakota, in 1889. He

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Mrs. Plath is survived by one son, John F. Plath, and seven grandchildren, all of Eugene; a brother, Richard Ebert, Longview, Wash.; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Passan, living in Oklahoma; Mrs. Louise Knitter and Mrs. Christina Prochnow, both of Fall Creek, Wis.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Poole mortuary, under auspices of the Church of Truth. Interment will be in Rest Haven memorial park.

War In Brief

By UNITED PRESS

Russia—Soviet armies in pincers offensive to clear 500,000 Germans from southern Ukraine, break into Tarnopol junction, drive to within 42 miles of Nikopol through 106-mile gap in Ingulets river line; 100 to 150 Russian planes blast Tallin.

Air War—RAF Lancasters bomb Nazi aircraft plant near Marseilles without loss; Mosquitoes hit western Germany; Berliners reported fleeing by thousands after fourth American raid in six days; new U. S. raid believed in progress.

Pacific—Tank-led marines advance within two miles of Talamas air base in northern New Britain; U. S. planes bomb five Japanese positions in Marshalls; Japanese cause slight damage in raid on Eniwetok.

Italy—Fierce patrol fighting continues on all fronts; allied planes rip enemy supply lines north of Rome, hit German big guns commanding Anzio beachhead.

Edwin V. Ford

Edwin V. Ford, 75, retired mail carrier of Eugene, died Thursday night at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Roy J. Ford, in Multnomah, a few hours after his arrival there for a visit. He took the 3 p. m. stage from Eugene to Portland Thursday, Ford had carried the mail in Eugene for 19 years, retiring in 1933.

A native of Kansas, born Jan. 20, 1869, at Seneca, he also had lived in Oklahoma, transferring from Tulsa, Okla., to Eugene in 1914. He was married in the east to Jane Stoll, in 1897; she died in 1931. He was remarried in 1933, to Hazel B. McFarland, who survives him.

In addition to his wife in Eugene, he is survived by one son, Capt. Roy J. Ford, in the U. S. army, last stationed in Georgia; two grandsons, and several brothers and sisters. He was a member of the Eugene lodge of Elks, the Masonic lodge, No. 11, and of the Scottish Rite Masonic order.

Funeral services will be held at the Branetter-Simon mortuary in Eugene, Monday at 1 p. m., and interment will be in Rest Haven memorial park.

Delegate Posts Sought

SALEM, Ore., March 10.—(U.P.)—Glen R. Metsker of St. Helens and Thomas C. Luke of Portland today filed with the secretary of state petitions as candidates for delegates to the republican national convention.

Other candidates filing today were: William E. Walsh, republican, Marshfield, for state senator from Coos and Curry counties.

Mrs. Ora F. McIntyre, republican, Salem, for state representative from Marion county.

Servicemen May Accept Nominations

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(U.P.)

The army and navy have agreed formally, President Roosevelt announced today, that regular army and navy men may accept nomination for public office, provided such nomination is tendered without activity on their part, and that other members of the services may become candidates "without the tender of nomination."

One provision of the agreement, signed by the secretaries of war and navy, declared no member of the land or naval forces while on active duty "will use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an elec-

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