



IF'S LOOKING AT YOU—Some of the assistants at the Evergreen observatory for the spring. Back row, left to right: Miss Jane Hall (chief assistant), Roy C. Andrews, Mrs. Irma Perkins, Elizabeth Heinrich, Miss Edith Onthank. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Helen Kilpatrick, Mrs. Ruth Draper, Mrs. Edna Draper. The telescope is the 10-inch reflector mounted on a concrete pier. (Jack photo, Wiltshire engraving)

Evergreen Observatory Center Interest During Spring

Evergreen observatory at the Fairmount Heights in Eugene saw considerable activity during the spring. The number of university students who were studying astronomy at the observatory in 1930 have as many visited it in an entire year as were guests during the three months of the spring of 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Pruett attribute the success of the spring work principally to the faithful and untiring efforts and the skillful management of Miss Jane Hall, for the past two years chief as-

stant at the observatory. To her was given the responsibility of arranging for other assistants, for telephoning or writing to the groups and individuals on the "waiting list" and assigning hours for their arrival, for seeing that instruments were in readiness, for managing the work after the demonstrations began, and finally for putting everything in order after the evening's work was over. For smooth operation, all this required a great deal of organizational effort.

The observatory was open 12 evenings, distributed fairly evenly over the entire spring. The majority of these were considered "big nights" and required five assistants to handle the telescope and guests. One acted as hostess, welcomed the visitors, had them sign the guest book, displayed the

group was assigned 30 minutes, after which another group took its place. The record number of visitors any one evening was 65 on May 1.

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Besides Miss Hall, the following were the observatory assistants for the spring of 1944: Roy C. Andrews and E. Hobart Collins of the university faculty, Mrs. Helen Kilpatrick of the general extension division, Mrs. Ruth Coulter, Mrs. Edna Draper, Mrs. Elizabeth Heinrich, Mrs. Irma Perkins, Miss Virginia Anawalt, Miss Virginia Blais, Miss Ruth Hopson, Miss Edith Onthank and Miss Jeanette Whitty.

For an idea of the types of people who were interested in the stars and had asked for permission to visit the observatory, we list the occupations of some of the guests. There were soldiers and army officers (including a Russian captain), merchants, farmers, postman, nurse, grade and high school instructors and their pupils, university students aside from those studying astronomy, lumber operators, photographers, bankers, insurance men, business women, librarians, shoemaker, singers, physicians (five of them), 14 university professors, druggist, electrician, a recent Gripsholm refugee from Japan, and many other substantial citizens of various and unknown occupations.

Since the observatory is at a private home and in a residential district, no general public invitations are ever given. All visitors come by appointment only, whether as individuals or groups. In this way a definite time is assigned to each and a minimum of waiting in line is accomplished. Since the planets are now practically all out of the evening sky, no more "big nights" are planned until these interesting objects are again in sight next spring.

It is hoped that sometime in the not too distant future a splendid large observatory may be established in the Eugene area, to which the general public may have a standing invitation on certain nights.

Since May 1 of this year several valued gifts have been received for the Evergreen observatory. They are as follows:

1. An autobiography of Dr. Edwin Brant Frost, late director of Yerkes observatory, by Dr. Warren D. Smith and his geology class.

2. A Kellner telescope eyepiece

Morrison, Henning, Buy DeNeffe Store

C. K. DeNeffe, Eugene merchant for the last 18 years, has sold his clothing store to P. R. Morrison and Irving Henning, newcomers to Eugene.

The new store partners come to Eugene with a background in the men's clothing business. Morrison learning tailoring in Canada and spending 13 years in the tailoring and retail clothing business in Washington and Alaska. Henning has been associated in the retail and wholesale clothing business in Seattle. It was on a recent selling trip to Eugene that Henning decided to locate here.

Both men are outdoor enthusiasts and are eager to fish and hunt in the famed Lane county.

meteorite collection, and saw that the groups were sent up into the observatory at proper intervals. The others handled the four telescopes, instructed observers in their operation, and gave information on the objects being studied. Each telescope was kept on a single object during an entire evening.

It was usually arranged so that not more than 15 guests were on the observatory floor at one time, although sometimes this was exceeded considerably. Each such by the Dunn school pupils of Mrs. Nellie Collins.

3. A Glo-face electric clock by the Hansen Synchron Co., of Princeton, Indiana.

4. A camera with a 3-inch lens for celestial photography from Mrs. J. L. Jones of Portland, mother of Jane Allen, Oregonian fashion editor.

Local Activists Get '45 Convention

Eugene Active club will entertain the 1945 convention of the service organization, it is reported by the local delegation home from attending this year's convention at Bellingham.

Jack Danner, governor of District No. 3, Roy Copping, Ralph Kinder and Elmer Gustafson were those attending the Bellingham convention from Eugene.

Annual picnic of the Eugene Active club is set for Friday next, July 28. Swimmers' Delight, starting with swimming and games in the afternoon, a potluck dinner at 6:30 o'clock, and dancing and refreshments in the evening. All Active club members and friends of the club are invited.

Lane E Bond Quota Aided by Coast Guard

Notification has come to John R. Snellstrom, Lane county war finance chairman, from J. C. Ponsler, Florence, chairman for the fifth war loan drive in western Lane county, that the coast guard unit there, through a special rally and picnic, considerably bolstered the drive, returns for that area, and that the coast guard men themselves purchased \$20,886 in E bonds.

This sum of \$20,886 will be credited to Lane county's total in E bonds by arrangement, the state war bond headquarters has informed Snellstrom. Ordinarily, amounts purchased by service groups are distributed, but this amount goes specifically to Lane county's credit.

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Pilot Has Thrill In Spotting Enemy Fleet

By ELMONT WAITE
ABOARD CARRIER FLAGSHIP, Central Pacific, July 23. — (Delayed) — (P) — "Enemy force sighted . . ."

That was the start of the contact report that sent American divebombers and torpedo planes thundering down on the Japanese fleet in the Philippines sea.

Lt. Robert S. Nelson, Great Falls, Mont., a torpedo pilot, was the first to sight and report the enemy's position the afternoon of June 20.

"I noticed a rippling on the horizon," Nelson said. "I stared at it for a few moments to make sure, then called my crew and the other planes."

"We climbed, continuing our course toward clouds and a rain squall for cover," Nelson continued. "By that time the Jap ships could be seen clearly. We worked in and out of the clouds while I plotted their position, counted them and sought to identify them. I sent our contact report as soon as I figured we had sufficient information."

The message from Nelson's plane was followed quickly by a similar report from the plane of Lt. (jg) Robert R. Jones, Minneapolis.

Jones said his first feeling was great elation. "I knew there was just one other fleet in the Pacific and this was it. I knew we'd attack quickly."

Jones said he saw our attack formations on their way to blast the Jap fleet. "It was one of the greatest thrills of my life. Coming toward us on the horizon were three large formations of our planes, flying high and gaining

World Peace Meet To Include Experts

WASHINGTON, July. — (P) — Secretary of State Hull indicated here that the forthcoming talks on world peace organization here next month would be held at the expert level rather than by the foreign ministers of Russia, the United States, Britain and China.

Hull said that the conference will not necessarily be on a top level, and that means, he added, that the foreign ministers may not attend.

It has been understood that the chiefs of the four delegations probably would have a rank corresponding to that of undersecretary in this country. At his news conference Hull declined to announce what representatives other governments would send, saying such information should be given out by them. He also refused at the moment to disclose the makeup of the American group.

The United States has prepared a reasonably comprehensive plan to submit at the meetings calling for creation of a United Nations assembly of all allied countries and a council of the big four powers plus three or four other countries including representatives of the small nations.

altitude. We knew the Japs were in for a bad time."

Other crewmen in the search planes included Thomas T. Watts, ARMI-Co, Oregon City, Ore.

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