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BOUQUETS FROM A VISITOR

That robust character Herb Cox comes across the hall with a clipping from the Longview News in which some resident of that city sings the praises of Eugene as "a friendly place." The Longview editor presents the statement with this comment in his "News and Views" colyum:

A local business man who recently had occasion to visit Eugene comes back singing the praises of that city. He is telling his acquaintances what a friendly city he found in Oregon. His enthusiasm was inspired by the attitude of the people in the streets there. He said that he had but few acquaintances in that city, but while standing on a corner waiting for an appointment several men who passed him spoke to him most cordially, as though they were friends of long standing, yet they were strangers to him. This may not have been a unique experience, and a stranger in this community might have been greeter likewise, but we are a little dubious. This is only cited as an example. There are hundreds of new citizens in Longview and Kelso—people who have come here to cast their lots, and most of the people on the streets are strangers to each other, but it isn't going to do any harm, and a lot of good if local people emulated these Eugene citizens and make a practice of speaking or nodding to those whom they encounter. A friendly spirit and attitude in any community is an asset, and often brings heart-warming returns.

This is a "friendly" community, and we do not think many Eugeneans will hesitate to accept the compliment, but it is not so long since we had a long written complaint from a newcomer to Eugene that we are "snobbish and self-satisfied." So that perhaps it is only fair to say that not everybody has a pleasant experience on a casual visit to this or any other city.

Perhaps the Longview man was here on one of those balmy springlike days when everybody is feeling good. Perhaps he himself was feeling good and unconsciously inviting the smiles and greetings of the passers-by. Cities, like persons seem to have moods.

It is perhaps true that most small cities are friendlier than big ones. In New York and Chicago people learn to be suspicious of each other and of strangers. They live and work under tensions which most of us do not have here. But there are kindly, decent people everywhere, if you can take time or trouble to get below the surface.

Cities do have "personalities," somewhat variable personalities. They have their periods of achievement and greatness and they sometimes have periods of reaction and despair. They have patterns of thought and aspiration which derive from their citizens. In Boston you catch the flavor of "distinction"; in New York you feel the surge of power; in San Francisco there is still a certain robust "gusto" which traces back to the '49'ers.

Eugene is a small city but one which has dared all through its history to have high aspirations; it is a city which has been touched by university culture without losing touch with the simplicity of pioneers. It is also a city which is in the process of profound change, when it must build for the future without losing its past, and this perhaps is one of the "turning points" in its career.

GOLD STAR FOR JIM WORKING

It seems no time at all since Jim Working was tending the telephone switchboard and helping in the mailing room and doing the other chores which young fellows do who are minded toward newspapers. In fact, it seems no time since he was one of the Register-Guard carrier boys.

Jim came to the age when he could join up to help win the war and he chose the Navy. Now comes the word that he was among those who went down with the destroyer Monaghan in the typhoon which cost us three destroyers and 486 good men in the Western Pacific.

Once more the war has walked in through the front door. It is walking through the community every day, reaching into almost every street and neighborhood. In sacrifice no single one is more important than any other, and rank no longer matters. The loss of Jim Working touches the newspaper people because he was one of us. From "front to back," the boy was known to everybody.

Jim was a destroyer man. That means that he must have been a very good sailor. Perhaps there is no real difference between the various branches of Navy service but destroyer men are pretty proud. The youngster must have been good to rate destroyer duty so soon after going to the Navy.

Jim Working's father died not long ago. Jim was the only son. These times have been pretty rough on his mother. Sometimes we forget that the greatest call for courage is upon the women. From them we could learn many things. They pick up and carry on. Their pride says:

"I had a son so that he could become a man."

Around the newspaper office we thought of the young fellow at the switchboard as a boy; it was a man who went down with the destroyer, a brave one who asked no better fate than the chance to do his duty.

ORDEAL

War brings harrowing ordeals far removed from the battlefield, ordeals that bring no medals as reward, but that test a man's courage and try his soul.

And so, before he's forgotten, we should like to convey our sympathy and understanding to the male Army lieutentant who was sent as recruiting officer to Fort Wayne, Ind.—to replace a WAC captain.

Be it said that he did his assigned duty without flinching.

NOT CLEARED WITH CAESAR

There may be trouble ahead for the Japs from another quarter when Mr. James Caesar Petrillo learns that they are making records of the sound of our B-29s.

An Indiana man, hit on the head with a hammer, lost his voice. Singers beware!

You need to do only three things to be able to boast of a day well spent: give a pint of blood, buy a War Bond and write a soldier!

The pedestrian trusts the autoist and the autoist trusts the pedestrian—which is why they both are careless.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

The beautiful dream of 60 million postwar jobs in the United States, bandied about rather freely in pre-election oratory from both parties, now appears to be coming in for sober second thinking. This leads to a few doubts as to ability of achieving this magnificent goal of full employment, and even to questioning desirability of having nearly half the population at work in the peacetime world.

All such dousing of pic in the sky with cold water by prophets of gloom gives extreme annoyance to the onward and upward prophets of optimistic postwar planning.

Undersecretary of Commerce Wayne Chatfield Taylor, speaking at New Orleans the other day, took occasion to blast at the individuals who "talk mournfully about how terrible peace is going to be."

Secretary Taylor referred specifically to "imported economists" saying, "It is difficult to understand why some of us insist on paying fat fees to those gentlemen for telling us that democracy will surely fail in the United States because certain half-hearted attempts failed in Grmany."

As One "Imported Economist" Sees It

One of those he apparently had in mind was Dr. Julius Hirsch, New York economist who at recent New York and Boston conferences on management and distribution took occasion to heckle the undersecretary and Dr. Amos Taylor, head of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Hirsch, a former minister of finance in Germany, made his way to Denmark with the advent of Hitler, lectured at University of Copenhagen, then was permitted to cross Siberia to Japan, where he lectured for a short time before coming to the United States and setting up as an economic consultant for hire.

Hirsch's position is that deflation has already started, that wishful thinking cannot produce 60 million jobs and that the best possible private industry employment—not counting those on public works projects—will be in the neighborhood of 49 million jobs.

The viewpoint of Hirsch and similarly-minded gents may be not so much pessimistic as merely realistic in demanding to be shown where all these jobs are coming from. But on top of this there has now come a new note—a demand to know why it is necessary to have 60 million people employed, and a charge that 60 million jobs would mean the end of the American way of life.

What Would We Do With All Those Jobs?

Most vocal exponent of this idea is William F. O'Neil of Akron, president of General Tire, who, pointing out that there are 135 million people in the U. S. and that the average family consists of four and a half persons, says that "Sixty million jobs would mean two jobs to every family, and this is too much."

"America has been built around the family," O'Neil goes on. "The man of the house works to provide his wife and children with a home. . . . To supply 60 million jobs is to break up that home because it means that the wife, too, will probably be working. . . . It means fewer children, and they will have to bring themselves up as best they can, until they can step into one of those 60 million jobs themselves."

O'Neil's formula is first to see how much manufactured or grown produce can be assimilated, then see how productive work can be given to the heads of families. The weak spot in his argument is that it makes no provision for the millions of young folks able to work but not able to step right into family responsibilities.

Aside from that, maybe he is aiming at something real and the sights have been set too high in shooting at 60 million jobs.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

THE LECTURE AT THE CLUB

Maybe I never would have been asked to the University Women's club in Seattle if it had been known that about my only contact with college life was the time I went to see the son graduate (blessed day!) and once when I went to visit the museum. Talking to a woman I found she could speak not only English but Spanish and Swedish. Well I'm no slouch at languages myself, having a fair command of both English and Loggerish; or do they call it Loggerese.

Mrs. Royal Arch Gunnison was the speaker. Mrs. Gunnison is on the easy side of middle age, has a trim figure (Japanese prison fare no doubt had something to do with that) a soft voice, brown hair and pronounces "again" just like Mr. Roosevelt.

She was with Mr. Gunnison when he, with many others, was taken prisoner by the Japanese. I'd read Mr. Gunnison's report of this but it lacked the reality his wife's face to face account gave it. She was right there before us, dressed as we were, had eaten with us. She was a real live person and not just a voice or printed words. I wondered how it would seem to have little brown men ordering one to go here, go there; do this, do that; and have to obey.

The Japs never fed the prisoners at that camp. Such prisoners as had no money, had to go about begging food from those who had. The Japs never took their money and it was possible to get some food through the underground. Mrs. Gunnison told of her and her husband having as one meal a loaf of bread. Just that and nothing more. They sat and broke off chunks of the bread and she said so great was their hunger, they both said it was the tastiest meal they'd ever had.

Once they had a can of beans given them. Another woman got hold of the can and ate the beans. Mrs. Gunnison said they felt sad at losing the beans but such was the law of survival. You ate what and when you could, regardless of ethics. She further said that without the help of the Filipinos, many of the prisoners would have starved. They smuggled food to the internees, even when the latter were unable to pay.

I'm deeply grateful to my hostess for making it possible for me to hear this lecture.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

BUSINESS WOMEN MEET AT LUNCHEON

Forty attended the monthly luncheon for the Eugene Business and Professional Women's club, Thursday noon, Osburn hotel.

Mrs. Margaret Frisbey resigned as treasurer of the club and Miss Gladys Dorsey was named to take the office. Mrs. Jewel Mann also was named new music committee chairman, replacing Mrs. Frank Connell, resigned.

Invitation was read and accepted from the Cottage Grove Business and Professional Women's club for the Eugene club to put on the initiation and emblem service there next Monday.

Mrs. Max Burris, club president, named Mrs. Harold Jensen, Mrs. Ella T. Edmunson, and Mrs. Greta Buckingham as a committee to revise the club by-laws.

A greeting was read from Pvt. Leora McMurphey, former member and officer of the club, now in the Wac.

Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. A. E. Peterson and Mrs. Mary Sharp.

Next meeting for the club will be the monthly social, January 25.

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OFFICERS WIVES CLUB MEETS WEDNESDAY

Ninety-three attended the dinner meeting for the Officers Wives club, Wednesday evening, Eugene hotel.

Plans were made for a valentine party on February 7, Mrs. Leslie White to be chairman for a style show to be held at this party. For the style show, members are asked to bring their wedding dresses, which will be modeled. A surprise stunt is being arranged for the program, too.

Plans also were announced for a benefit bridge party to be given the evening of February 21, a dessert and card party, money to be used for the club's project.

The next regular dinner meeting for the club will be January 24 at the hotel, a surprise program being arranged for this event.

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MOTHERS MEET

Alpha Gamma Delta Mothers' club was entertained Tuesday evening at the sorority chapter house, Mrs. L. L. Baker and Mrs. B. E. Rogers as hostesses. Besides those two, Mrs. A. C. Schnellbacher, Mrs. E. E. Umplette, Mrs. Howard J. Boyd, and Mrs. Claude A. Potter were present.

4-H Club Leaders Visit Lane Groups

Four-H clubs and club leaders in schools in several districts in the western part of the county were visited Wednesday and Thursday by E. A. Danielson, county club leader, and Maryolive Snarr, club agent at large at the state club office at Corvallis.

Miss Snarr showed the club members some of the work done by outstanding boys and girls in different parts of the state and told them of the club work being carried on in other sections.

At Veneta, Danielson and Miss Snarr met with leaders and members of three cooking, two clothing and one livestock club; at Blachly, two clothing clubs; at Mapleton, two clothing and two cooking clubs; at Florence, two sewing, one woodworking and one livestock club; at Liberty school, one sewing, one woodworking and one health club, and at Harmony school, one cooking, one sewing and one livestock club.

A feature of the meeting at Mapleton was the serving of tea to leaders and teachers by one of the cooking clubs of the school there.

Box Social Will Be Riding School Event

For the benefit of the junior roping and riding school which is being set up at Springfield under the guidance of Horesman Elmer E. Stewart, an old-time box social will be held in the CIO hall in Springfield (over the Bank of Oregon) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Stewart announces.

Primary purpose of the meeting is to bring together parents of children interested in the school in order that they may know its plans and purposes and help its organization.

The public is invited to the social, at which a cake will be given to the prettiest girl and a bar of soap to the ugliest man. Girls and women are to bring box lunches.

Bodega is the Spanish name for a wine storehouse or cellar, but the name has been adopted in many lands to designate a place where wine is sold.

NEEDLE CLUB

Needle club of the Women's Relief corps met at the home of Mrs. Anna Cross Thursday afternoon with twenty members and two guests present. Work was done on quilts which are for the work of the order, and a shower of gifts was collected for a needy family.

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ALUMNAE MEET

Th January meeting of Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Evelyn Raymond. Miss Alberta Wilson was a guest of the evening. Members attending were Mrs. Robert Dawe, Mrs. R. V. Thompson, Mrs. Mortimer Turnbull, Mrs. Walter Erickson, Mrs. V. R. Milam, Mrs. George Todd, Mrs. John W. Schreiner, Jr., Miss Wilhelmina Gerot, Miss Alice Gerot, and the hostess, Miss Raymond.

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AID ELECTS

Officers were elected by the Ladies Aid society of Central Lutheran church, which met at the parsonage with Mrs. Harold Aalbue, Thursday afternoon. Those named to office are: President, Mrs. Chris Jordanger; vice president, Mrs. George Myrmo; secretary, Mrs. John Jepson; treasurer, Mrs. Mollie Hanson.

It was reported that the recent rummage sale was a success, and another will be held soon. The next meeting will be held as a birthday celebration for all whose anniversaries have occurred in the past six months.

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CIRCLE MEETS

Eteri Mission circle of First Baptist church had as guest Mrs. Robert Hurlburt of Portland at a meeting held earlier in the week, in the banquet room of the Wills cafe.

Mrs. Hurlburt was the speaker at the meeting. Mrs. Howard Smith led devotions, and Miss Lorene Finley entertained with accordion selections. Nearly thirty were present.

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OFFICERS CHOSEN

Meeting at the home of Misses Lois and Ardis Anderson Wednesday evening, Emmaus Lutheran Dorcas Needle club elected officers, as follows: President, Miss Lois Hansen; vice president, Miss Ardis Anderson; secretary, Miss Lois Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. K. Nyegaard; corresponding secretary, Miss Louise Elgaard flower committee, Miss Elsie Elgaard and Miss Margaret Christenson; auditors, Miss Patricia Senn and Miss Ardis Anderson.

SORORITY ALUMNAE MEET ON MONDAY

Alpha Omicron Pi alumnae met last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. William Dugan.

Attending were Mrs. Gail D. Elliott, Mrs. Keith McMilan, Mrs. Arthur Miner, Mrs. Gordon Randall, Mrs. Ed Siegmund, Mrs. Evelyn Wilhelm, Mrs. Fred Hichens, Miss Vivian Bjorklund, Mrs. Edgar L. Rice, Mrs. Lytle Young, and the hostess.

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AUXILIARY MEETS

Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which met Wednesday evening, voted to serve a week at the USO soon. Those of the order who wish to assist may communicate with Mrs. Floyd Bryan or Mrs. M. D. Powers, who will be chairman for that week.

New officers presided at the meeting, at which plans were made for a valentine basket social to follow the next regular business meeting. Proceeds from the social will go toward supplies for the USO.

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STUDY GROUP

Mrs. John Wycoff led the mission study for Independent Mission Study group at the annex of First Christian church Thursday afternoon. Mrs. A. E. John led the group in devotions.

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ADVISER VISITS

Mrs. Minerva Codding, travelling grand adviser for the Neighbors of Woodcraft, addressed the order at its meeting Thursday evening, where she was the honored guest.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served under direction of Mrs. Cushing Elliott, and a gift exchange was held, with revealing of "secret neighbors."

Alice Duer Miller wrote "The White Cliffs of Dover" in her New York apartment which overlooks the East River.

California's population increased from 6,907,387 in the 1940 census to an estimated non-military figure in 1943 of 7,397,546.

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Equitable Near $100 Million Mark In Loans

The Equitable Savings and Loan association, Portland, is nearing the $100 million mark in loans made since the association began in 1890, according to word received by G. E. Bahr, representative for the association, from Ralph Cake, president of Equitable. The present figures of loans made since the association came into being total more than $96 millions.

In comparison of Dec. 30, 1944, with Dec. 31, 1943, several notable gains and accomplishments are recorded.

The association took advantage of the unusually favorable real estate market to dispose of its remaining real estate. All of the real estate on hand a[illegible] has now been sold. In [illegible] to this, another notable [illegible] an addition to the [illegible] $46,668.80, bringing the [illegible] reserves to $1,192,957.[illegible]

The liquidity of the [illegible] tion was further strengthe[illegible] an increase in governme[illegible] holdings of $4,634,143.1[illegible]

The general education [illegible] which does most of its [illegible] southern states, was [illegible] by congress in 1903.

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