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BRIGADIER GENERAL ELLIOTT R.

It is rather amazing that so astute a politician as President Roosevelt should consent in the nomination of his son, Col. Elliott Roosevelt for brigadier general, so soon after the unfortunate incident of airplane priority for Col. Elliott's imported pooch.

The "bumping" of three homebound GI's to make room for Col. Elliott's bull-mastiff beagle made a lot of people—in addition to "Black Republicans"—pretty mad. This paper's comment on that incident was that while "mooning" by high rankers is all too prevalent in both army and navy, it is contrary to "regs" and such a flagrant case should be disciplined at once.

However, instead of discipline which might have convinced the public of the Spartan nature of the Commander-in-Chief, comes this promotion. Now that raises some rather delicate problems; if anything like dispassionate and unprejudiced judgement is to be rendered.

All of the Roosevelts are known to be brave men and Col. Roosevelt is reported to have served with unusual distinction. We recall General Arnold saying that Elliott was among the first to volunteer for the perilous mission to the Greenland icecap in the early days of the war and he was cited in Italy.

As to promotions in time of war there should be only one consideration—fitness for the command. If Elliott's superiors honestly think he is the best man for this BG, that's it!

But on the heels of the dog incident there will be millions who will refuse to believe it is anything but "pull and apple polish." That's bad, for the nation, its GI's and the president himself.

In these days we do not expect that Stoic philosophy which caused a Roman general in the punic wars to have his own son beheaded for "disobeying orders," even though the disobedience was a smart tactic which brought a victory. But Stoic thinking still guides military policy in the main—at least as applies to rank and file. In France a lot of men have drawn ten, twenty years in prison and even life for chiselling on army gas and cigarettes—and nobody should weep over those culprits.

But delicate questions as to who's who and what's what do arise.

"THAT MAN'S HERE AGAIN!"

The phone rings and the voice at the other end says it's George Miller, just to say that the time has come for people of this community to renew their supporting memberships for The Gleemen. Of course!

Old timers will not need much more than the reminder that "that man" is doing his stuff again. So long as there is a Eugene, there will always be The Gleemen, and so long as there are Gleemen, there ought to be some special dispensation for George Miller, the indefatigable. The two have been almost synonymous since the beginning more than 20 years ago.

Every male who can sing wants to belong to The Gleemen, but unfortunately a great many of us cannot qualify in the vocal brackets. We enjoy the vicarious satisfaction of being "associate members" at \$5 a year (which includes two tickets for every home concert). When The Eugene Gleemen sing on national broadcasts or in great cities, we stick out our "boosums" and feel we have had some small part.

Besides, there's always George Miller. A few still prefer to hold out the check and make George come and call for it, (and a visit with George is a sort of bonus). Some pretend they do this for George to help him keep from putting on more weight. But hundreds write out the check and mail it to George Miller.

This year Dean Kratt takes up the baton wielded so long by John Stark Evans. There are many new faces. But the great chorus has not diminished. As they sing for us they have many comrades singing Gleemen songs in foreign lands. They all have a place in our hearts.

POLLING THE POLLSTERS

We hope that some day there will be a congressional investigating committee to investigate the congressional passion for investigating committees. (Try reading it again, a little more slowly.) Too often it has seemed that investigation has been an end in itself, rather than something aimed toward eventual legislation or reform.

And so we have hoped. And that hope

was revived with the publication of a house campaign expenditures investigating committee report on Dr. George Gallup's poll. Why the investigation was ever undertaken is something of a mystery, but here in brief are its conclusions:

1. The Gallup organization sincerely tried to use scientific methods in forecasting the results of the presidential election.

2. Better sampling methods are available, and Dr. Gallup should have used them.

3. The Gallup samples must either have been inaccurate or obtained by improper interviewing procedure, for the poll underestimated the Democratic vote in about two-thirds of the states.

4. Dr. Gallup ought to publish "raw" figures as well as "adjusted" figures, which take account of some imponderables that don't show on an adding machine. Thus the public could draw its own conclusions.

The only explanation for the investigation we can see is that congress is going to start a free business-consultant service. That must be it.

The Gallup poll is a private business specializing in the collection and marketing of samples of public opinion. Its only market is newspapers. It does not undertake any surveys for individuals, private firms or political groups. It has no government contracts.

Dr. Gallup operates in competition with four other leading poll takers. All five firms did well this year, artistically and, we hope, financially. They did well because none of them was off as much as 2 per cent in forecasting the actual results of civilian balloting for president.

So it is apparent that, for these five firms, accuracy is not a matter of congressional compulsion. Accuracy is their bread and butter. Them as guesses closest gets the most business. And if the house committee's subcommittee of expert government poll takers was able to offer Dr. Gallup any free tips on increased efficiency and accuracy, we presume that he was duly grateful.

But if congress is going to do that for Dr. Gallup why shouldn't it do as much for his competitors, or for any other strictly private, non-war business?

Well, anyway, we hope the boys had a good time investigating. Just tack the bill on our taxes, chums.

The only successful substitute for luck is hard work.

Inmates of a mid-west prison presented the warden with a watch. Time means nothing to those boys.

A lot of people forget that they were taught when babies, to stand up for themselves.

It's just a question of time until there'll be a total eclipse of the Rising Sun.

The March of Dimes calls for all of us to get in step!

Despite the closing of the race tracks, there'll still be too much horse play in connection with the war effort—unless more Americans wake up!

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

BOYS ARE BOYS

The two little boys in the home where I'm now staying make life in many ways as it was before our two sons became grown men. I guess little boy behavior never varies from generation to generation. Watch a pair of youngsters for a day and you've seen how all other children are behaving everywhere.

Bobby the five year old, never washes his face except under the sternest compulsion. Just why small boys are allergic to water on the face I've never been able to understand. They'll wade through a dirty puddle on the coldest day. If they have to break ice to get to the water, so much the better. But then that's their feet; try and get them to wash in a tepid water and they'll howl like little banshees that it is freezing them to death. One appeal of the ice on a puddle is the noise it makes when they break through. Any activity to a boy, gains in value if it makes a racket; the more racket, the more value.

Most boys will go swimming at every opportunity. Though they prefer to go without the consent of adults. You might say they favor a black market dip to a legal one. And it's my belief that getting boys to take a bath would not be the battle it is were bathing prohibited. If bathing were outlawed and a lad had to sneak up on the bath tub, that's all it would take to make cleanliness popular with the little renegades. A realistic note to the force would be to trounce the non-bath violator over so often. I bet you that would create a bull market in bathing in less than a month.

Philip, the older boy in this home, is learning to play the trumpet. When his teacher urges that he study the great masters in music, he goes to his magazine library on Harry James; Maestro Harry James.

Philip also has a paper route. Due to his own peculiar business system this enterprise costs his parents money. When they make bitter comment on his bookkeeping technique, he listens politely but continues with his free interpretation of mathematics. He also listens politely but does nothing about it when his mother tells him to wear his rubbers; brush his teeth; quit jiving The Rosary; shut doors; comb his black hair; keep his hands out of the pockets of his new jacket.

Yes, I've entered the democracy of little boys; a democracy where Parent Pressure Groups seldom succeed in setting up the dictatorship to which all parents futilely aspire.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

SCOTTISH RITE EVENT

LARGELY ATTENDED

More than 380 members of the Scottish Rites, their wives and guests attended the annual dinner meeting and party at the Masonic Temple in Eugene Saturday night.

Leslie Scott, state treasurer of Oregon, who is the sovereign grand inspector general, Scottish Rites, for Oregon, was speaker of the evening, and discussed the place of Masons and Masonry in wartime America. He asked that members take the responsibility of doing everything in their power to aid the war effort and to bring the war to a successful close as soon as possible.

Making their first appearance of the season, the Eugene Gleemen, under the direction of Dr. Theodore Kratt, presented several songs, which were unusually well received for their beauty and finished performance. Their new accompanist, Donald W. Alton, made his first appearance with the group.

Miss Marilyn Olson, violinist who is studying at the University of Oregon school of music, carried on the program of music with several selections, accompanied by Miss Patricia McCall. Hal Young sang, accompanied by George Hopkins. P. Waldo Davis concluded the program with selections on his musical bells, accompanied by his son, Herschel Davis.

After the program, guests returned to the main dining room of the Temple, where they danced to the music of George Curry and his orchestra. The hall was decorated in a Valentine's day motif.

Among out-of-town guests for the affair were Senator and Mrs. Angus Gibson of Junction City; Sen. and Mrs. Earl T. Newbury of Medford; Ray B. Compton and Mrs. Roy Hatt of Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hill of Cottage Grove; M. E. Everett of North Bend; L. Jensen and Carey Stromme of Junction City; B. F. Bond of Halsey.

B. H. Hunter was general chairman for the party, while L. Kenneth Shumaker was in charge of entertainment and master of ceremonies.

SOCIAL CLUB MEETS

The social club of the S.U.V. auxiliary met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Smith, with Mrs. C. W. Gordon and Mrs. Bertha Dunbar as assisting hostesses.

New officers were in charge of the business meeting. Mrs. Glenie Frost presiding. New Year's resolutions were a feature of the meeting, and many interesting ones were divulged and discussed. Refreshments were served by the hostesses to 15 members and one guest.

GROUP TO MEET

St. Mary's Catholic Military Wives and Mothers will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday in St. Mary's cafeteria and will elect officers.

Less Than Pat Of Butter Daily Seen For 1945

CHICAGO—(P)—The nation's civilians face a 1945 ration of less than one pat of butter a day, spokesmen for the industry said here as they announced they had urged "immediate" federal action to relieve the butter "crisis."

In telegrams to governmental food production and pricing agencies, the spokesmen, representing the over-all butter industry committee, "urgently requested" measures "to encourage, not discourage butter production."

At a special meeting here the committee, representing the American Butter Institute, National Cooperative Milk Producers' federation, and the National Creameries' association, advocated increasing the base price of butter by six cents a pound and increasing the production payment on butterfat sold for butter.

The committee said production payment per pound of butterfat sold as cream now approximates in most areas one-sixth of the production payment fixed for 100 pounds of whole milk. It recommended a payment of at least one-fourth of the production payment for whole milk. It also proposed extending limitation orders to cover all sales of cream.

Dr. H. A. Ruehe, institute secretary, said government policies now in effect "discourage" production and that the loss in butter output last year was 322,000,000 pounds, more than all the butter taken for the armed forces and lend lease—287,000,000 pounds. He said the 1944 output of creamery butter was 1,478,000,000 pounds, as compared to a normal output of 1,800,000,000 pounds.

Last year's trend is continuing this year, Dr. Ruehe said, "requiring action at once to reverse it and provide more butter for American tables."

Owen M. Richards, manager of the American Dairy association, said "Millions find it hard to understand why they are being deprived of so much butter when milk production is the highest in history. The butter that is being allocated for civilians this year will provide only about two ounces per person per week—less than a pat of butter a day."

Richards said "The government controls farm production. Production is controlled through prices. To get more butter, raise the return to the producers of butter. This can be done without cutting production or other essential dairy needs."

ORIDES INITIATES

LARGE NEW GROUP

Formal initiation of twenty-two pledges was held recently at Gerlinger hall by Orides, organization of University of Oregon independent co-eds.

In a candlelight service, Miss Lucille Bryant, president, initiated the following new members: Misses Mildred Anderson, Lucille Peterson, Muriel Musick, Shirley Beamer, Lorraine Cheney, Betty Coe, Barbara Barker, Margaret Ann Hickman, Alice Ann Harter, Mary Louise Stone, Patricia McFadden, Marion Silvis, Alice Prather, Dorene Peterson, Helen Jean Hodgins, Helen McElfresh, Vivian Mattson, Betty Lou Reynolds, Martha Smith, Gertrude Robidou, Roberta Gieske and Mary Bea Hall.

WOMEN OF MOOSE

ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mrs. Irene Gee, associate regent of the college of regents, from Corvallis, visited the local chapter of the Women of the Moose at its Friday evening meeting. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lorna Small of Corvallis, past graduate dean of the academy of friendship, and several other visitors from the Corvallis chapter.

Sixteen candidates were initiated at the session, these being: Mrs. Paul Buchanan, Mrs. C. T. Brestler, Mrs. F. E. Dubendorf, Mrs. Gerald Endicott, Mrs. Harry Lenning, Mrs. Charles Bonnet, Mrs. N. S. Tomlin, Mrs. Effie D. Snell, Mrs. John W. Kerns, Mrs. May Baldwin, Mrs. C. W. Wilcox, Mrs. Donna Mae Burke, Mrs. Martha McCormick, Mrs. Isabella Cannon, Mrs. Winona Price and Mrs. Edna Price.

Mrs. C. W. Sparks, war relief chairman, was in charge of serving special refreshments after the lodge meeting, at which time a silver offering was taken as a benefit for a Red Cross project. A "march of dimes" offering also was taken.

MRS. CAMP HOSTESS

Mrs. Pearl I. Camp of 2595 Onyx street was hostess at dinner recently, honoring Sherman Fox and W. H. Holmes, home on furlough from service in New Guinea. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox and sons, Gerald and Dan; Mrs. Ira Fox and son, Ike; Miss Lois Fair, Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes and Miss Joy Holmes.

SPRINGFIELD

FIREMEN INVESTIGATE

SPRINGFIELD—A run was made by city firemen Sunday to 253 South Second street to investigate a blaze near a truck belonging to R. D. Johnston.

Johnston had set fire to a can of oil beneath the truck to warm the vehicle and neighbors, thinking the truck on fire, notified the fire department. No damage was done.

JOHNSON TO SPEAK

SPRINGFIELD—"Christ in Today's World" will be the topic discussed by H. V. Johnson of Eugene at the Lane county Christian Endeavor meeting to be held in the Springfield Christian church Thursday beginning at 7 p. m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SPRINGFIELD—Election of officers for the coming year will be the business taken up at the next meeting of the uniformed shield's posse on Thursday. Members are to meet at station one at 8 p. m.

EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET

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RECENTLY-WED COUPLE

VISITS IN FLORENCE

FLORENCE—Mr. and Mrs. John Rhode of Chicago recently announced the marriage of their daughter, Betty Jane, to Sinclair E. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Morris of Gardiner. The wedding was an event of January 6, with the bride's uncle, the Rev. Father Clarence Brissette, celebrating an 11:30 o'clock nuptial mass at St. Benedict's church in Chicago.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white brocaded taffeta gown, with a headpiece of white beads and rhinestones, from which fell a fingertip veil. Her bouquet was of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Lorraine Thielsen was maid of honor, and was gowned in blue net over taffeta, and wore a blue net dutch hat. She carried pink roses.

Bridesmaids were Miss Helen Sonnicksen, Miss Jean Zinkann and Miss Yvonne Hester. Their gowns and caps were similar to that of the maid of honor, and they carried yellow roses.

Best man was Howard Almquist of Iowa, and his attendants were Donald Hubbard and Vernon Hoeker. All wore naval uniforms.

The reception was held in an adjoining hall from 6 p. m. until 1 a. m. There was a large dinner, and dancing afterward. The bride was unveiled at 12 midnight by her attendants and the bridegroom. They later cut the wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris came west on their wedding trip, and are visiting with his parents at Gardiner, and with local relatives and friends. He is a graduate of Siuslaw high school, and since has been attached to the fleet air force. He wears five silver stars for five major campaigns and has completed 25 missions. He has been attached to the Atlantic fleet, but now is on shore duty.

Jessen Did Not Know Kiess Was Wounded

A letter written Jan. 12 by Pvt. Allen D. Jessen, wounded in action in Luxembourg a week earlier, discloses that he did not at that time know that his "buddy," Pvt. Thomas Wesley Kiess, another Eugenean with whom he had gone through their whole military career since leaving home in March a year ago, had been wounded the day after he received his injury.

Their wives here had been hoping the two would not be separated, but might be hospitalized together, since their wounds were received on consecutive days.

Private Jessen wrote that his wound was in his right arm—a friend was actually writing the letter—and that he would be hospitalized for about 60 days; that he had received the purple heart medal. He added that Kiess "had been fine the last time he saw him."

Jessen's full address, for friends who may wish to write the former local bank teller, is: Pvt. Allen D. Jessen, 39473042, APO 418, Det. FAT-S No. 4124, 158th Genl. Hosp., care Postmaster, N. Y., N. Y.

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Wounded Private Covers Withdrawal Of His Men

By HAL BOYLE

INSIDE THE SIEGFERIED LINE, Dec. 27.—(Delayed)—An American private with his eyeball shot out, singlehandedly covered the withdrawal of his squad and then carried back a badly wounded comrade under heavy fire.

It was only then that the private agreed, with a muttered "okay" to go to the first aid station.

The young Oklahoman was leading an attack when it was stalled under strong counterfire. "Come on... keep going!" the private shouted to his buddies, and staying across an open field at a quick, crouching run. Halfway across, he was struck in the face by a burst from an enemy "burp gun"—a machine pistol. One bullet tore his left eye from its socket.

Private Shouts

Blood streamed down over his field jacket, but the private yelled again to his men:

"Keep shoving!"

He covered their advance with his rapid fire Browning automatic rifle and the squad made its way across the field to the next hedge line. There, they were pinned down by German fire so heavy that they could move neither forward nor backward without severe casualties.

The doughboys called back for some smoke shells to cover their withdrawal. They waited, but the smoke failed to appear. Realizing that the whole squad would be wiped out unless it was pulled back quickly, the wounded private told the other men to start back while he kept the enemy engaged.

Withdrawal Begins

"Don't worry about me!" he called, "start your withdrawal." He pushed his automatic rifle over a hedge and began raking the German positions. His men started slowly to crawl back. For more than 15 minutes the private stuck to his post, until he was sure the squad was out of its tight spot.

As he turned to leave himself, with enemy bullets clipping through the hedges, he noticed a badly wounded American nearby. Weak and almost blind, the

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