

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

ACHESON-WILLIAMS BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Williams of the River Road, Eugene, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Grace Lewis, to Staff Sergeant Arnold A. Acheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Acheson, 1471 Villard street.

No date for the wedding has been set.

CITY CLUB POETRY. DRAMA GROUP MEETS

Poetry and drama group of the City club, meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Ralph Crowe on south Willamette street, heard a review of the play, "They Knew What They Wanted," by Sidney Howard, given by Mrs. Elizabeth Page. A white elephant sale, conducted by Mrs. G. P. Winchell as auctioneer, Mrs. Lucy Norton, clerk, brought a total of more than five dollars.

Twenty members of the group were in attendance, with Mrs. Harry L. Woodhouse as a new member.

At the next meeting, February 24, Mrs. Freeman Day will review the play, "Junior Miss." This meeting also will be at the Crowe residence, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

MEET AT ARMORY

Fifty-five attended the one o'clock covered-dish luncheon held Sunday afternoon at the armory by the auxiliary and camp of United Spanish War veterans. Mrs. Theodore Forcier entertained the group with a reading. New officers held a practice of floor work, following the luncheon.

MEET FOR LUNCHEON

Ladies' Fellowship of First Methodist church will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Kuykendall, for a covered-dish luncheon at one o'clock. A business session will follow the luncheon, and there will be sewing. Members are asked to bring scissors and thimbles.

P-TA BOARD SESSION

Executive board of the Parent-Teacher association of Washington school will meet Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, at the home of Mrs. John Byrne. The regular association meeting is scheduled for February 7, and will include a program observing P-TA National Founder's day.

tober. These increases were found, on a national average: clothing 0.3 per cent, fuel and light 0.1, sundries 0.4. The clothing rise was attributed entirely to the increased cost of men's clothing—0.5 per cent. There was no recorded change in the cost of women's clothing.

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DECEMBER WEDDING NOW ANNOUNCED

COTTAGE GROVE—Miss Anita Lucille Haldeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Haldeman of Cottage Grove, was married to Earl J. McElvain of Portland at a simple ceremony December 9, 1944, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Edwards, 1514 N.E. 26th Avenue, Portland. Dean Charles M. Guilbert, of St. Stephens Episcopal church, officiating.

The bride wore a brown wool dressmaker suit with a sequin-trimmed chateau blouse and brown accessories. Her corsage was of pink Talsman roses with bouvardia.

Miss Beatrice Shear, maid of honor, wore a beige crepe afternoon dress with a corsage of gardenias and pink roses. L. B. Edwards was best man.

A reception after the ceremony was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Edwards. Mrs. C. F. Gillespie, Miss Elma Sorenson and Mrs. L. B. Edwards assisting.

The bride's mother, Mrs. C. Haldeman, of Cottage Grove was present at the wedding.

After a brief wedding trip the couple is now at home at 507 N.W. 22nd Avenue, Apartment 107, Portland.

RE-ACTIVE MEETING

Re-active club will meet Thursday evening at seven-thirty o'clock, at the bamboo room in the Eugene hotel, holding the monthly business and social session. The committee in charge will be Mrs. Roy Copping, Mrs. Clifford Stalsberg and Mrs. William T. Wood.

Student Broadcast Rights Asserted

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The senate interstate commerce committee has approved unanimously legislation designed to assure high school musicians the right to broadcast on the radio.

Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) drafted the measure after James C. Petrillo, head of the AFL musicians union, halted broadcasts from a national high school music festival at Interlochen, Mich., in 1942.

The bill would make it unlawful for any person or group to interfere with the broadcast of a noncommercial educational or cultural program by a tax-exempt educational institution.

The senate approved a similar measure last Dec. 14, but congress adjourned before it reached the house floor.

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ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP ELECTIONS

Officers were elected by the first division of St. Mary's Catholic Altar society at its meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. B. Christensen. Those named are: President, Mrs. Frank Gent; vice president, Mrs. William Higgins, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Leonard Oswald. Garments completed for the Red Cross were turned in at the meeting, at which nearly forty were present. The division voted to assist in a series of spring rummage sales which will be held by the general society, starting in late March.

Mrs. M. N. Gent and Mrs. John Cordell assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

The next meeting will be held February 12 at the home of Mrs. L. J. dePoutiales, with Mrs. A. F. Welter and Mrs. C. W. Iddings assisting.

Plan Council—

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wiser than hiring McVoy or any other expert to deliver a contract report which might or might not be followed up.

"This work will need to go on from year to year with constant revisions," said McArthur. "I cannot speak for my board but I believe that the proposal to have it financed with public money is better than to ask for subscriptions because the whole community shares in the benefits."

Many of the realtors who have taken the lead in urging a master survey of the area were present. Harvey Hilton, chairman of the committee on land use and planning, said he believed the program proposed would fit in nicely with legislation on area planning and planning which his group has been studying with the League of Oregon Cities. A bill will be introduced Tuesday.

Committee Reports

Chairmen of 13 major committees of the council gave reports of their activities during the past year.

Rogers Kimberling, chairman of the resources committee, reported on a survey covering industry, farmers, and consumers, showing what they planned to buy and how much they will spend on new equipment after the war.

Ray Bower, chairman of the committee on agriculture was given credit for reviving interest in victory gardens during the past year and John Wageman, representing the labor committee and Lane county labor groups, promised fullest cooperation with returning servicemen.

Chairman Eugene H. Silke of the education and integration projects committee, revealed that movies or ebing made of school buildings in the area and efforts made to determine amount of efficiency in local schools, while J. E. Turnbull of the roads and highways committee discussed the Willamette bridge project. The roads and highways projects will be able to absorb many returning veterans, Turnbull said.

Projects approved for construction or operation through the sewage and sanitation committee during the past year include treatment plants for Eugene and Springfield; extension of sanitary and storm sewers; swimming pool for Eugene; rodent control, and water mains and sanitary sewer extensions into the Overlook addition and Westmoreland-Chambers addition.

Ray Bacon of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph said the company would be able to use more employees after the war with the development of suburban and rural sections and the installation of the dial system.

Roy W. Woodruff of the servicemen's division gave a report on the 3000 questionnaires mailed to Lane county's servicemen and women. All but 472 have definite post-war plans and this number, Woodruff said, can get advice from the 85 members of the veterans' consultation committee. The servicemen's division of the Planning Council received widespread publicity through Yank, the army magazine, The Woman's Home Companion and other well-known magazines.

Complete report of the council's executive committee follows: "Two members of your committee have conferred with Mr. McVoy, and the members of the committee have conferred with officials representing various governmental units located within a six mile radius of Eugene. Your committee submits the following

report and recommendations with reference to these questions:

"First, your committee feels that it would be feasible—in fact, preferable—to conduct the proposed planning survey with a local staff operating under a local planning group, rather than on a contract basis. The advantages of employing a staff locally is that planning must be a continuous process and provision should be made at the outset for a continuing service in this field. A planning survey made on a contract basis would provide certain information which would soon be out of date and could not possibly analyze future proposals that might be made in the course of the community's development. Mr. McVoy would be willing to serve as consultant for a survey organized under local auspices, and indicated that this arrangement was preferable.

"Second, Chapter 332, Oregon Laws-1911, provides that

"In performing a duty imposed upon it or in exercising a power conferred upon it a public corporation of this state shall have power to cooperate with another public corporation of this or another state, or with the United States, or with a United States governmental agency. This power shall include power to provide jointly for administrative officers."

"This act was intended to confer comprehensive powers of intermunicipal cooperation and has been interpreted by the attorney general as authorizing a group of four counties and seven cities to establish and finance the so-called "four county cantonment council" which handled the planning and coordination of certain local activities in connection with the establishment of Camp Adair (see Opinions of the Attorney General, 1940-42, p. 587).

"Although only cities have expressed statutory authority for planning, court decisions indicate that authority to carry on planning studies is an implied or incidental power which can be exercised by any type of local governmental unit, if it contributes to the accomplishment of the purposes for which that unit has been created. Peterson v. Mayor etc., of New York, 17 N. Y. 449; Douglass v. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Placerville, 18 Cal. 643; Independent School District v. Salvalerra, 33 S. W. (2d) 790; Boll v. City of Ludlow, 234 Ky. 812; and Halley v. City of Winston-Salem, 196 N. C. 17.

"It would appear, therefore, that the cities, the school districts, the county and other special district could legally enter into a co-operative arrangement for and could contribute to a planning survey of Central Lane County.

"Third, your committee recommends that the Central Lane County Planning Council sponsor the establishment of planning studies for the Central Lane County area on a continuing basis and that each local governmental unit in the area within six miles of Eugene be asked to contribute to a budget for this purpose. The following general plan and budget is suggested:

"With Mr. McVoy serving as planning consultant, a full time staff of four persons should be employed by April 1, 1945, to make the basic studies required for the area and also to make special studies outlined by the Eugene City Planning Commission, the Springfield City Planning Commission, and the other governmental units in the area. The basic work could probably be done in one year by a staff.

"A good deal of assistance would undoubtedly be available also from regular employees of the various governmental units, and possibly also by staff members of the University.

"The following budget is suggested:

1 planner, at \$4000 per year, \$4000. 2 draftsmen, at \$2600 per year, \$5200. 1 secretary-clerk, at \$2000 per year, \$2000. 1 consultant (Arthur D. McVoy), at \$1000 per year, \$1000. Travel, consultant and staff, \$500. Wages (for special studies), \$500. Materials and supplies, \$800. Total \$14,000.

Following completion of the

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basic studies, the work should be continued on a reduced scale so that new projects can be coordinated with the over-all master plan developing during the first year, and so that new problems can be studied currently. The detailed planning and construction of various specific public improvements such as highways, streets, school buildings, public buildings, parks, etc., will require special work, and there are certain current planning services needed by the various governmental agencies of the area on a permanent basis.

"The following permanent budget is suggested for each year after the first:

1 planner, at \$4000, \$4000. 1 stenographer-clerk, at \$2,000, \$2,000. Consultant service, \$500. Wages (for draftsmen and special studies), \$1,000. Travel, \$200. Materials and supplies, \$500. Total, \$8,200.

"It is recommended that this general plan be presented to each governmental unit within the six mile area and that each unit be requested to contribute to the cost of the program on the basis of its assessed valuation, and also on the basis of the relation of its program to the proposed service. School districts and other special districts would probably require less day to day service from the survey staff than cities, and the following division of expenses is tentatively suggested for consideration:

City of Eugene, \$5000. Lane county, \$3,000. Eugene school district, \$2,500. Eugene Water Board, \$2,500. City of Springfield, \$500. Springfield school district, \$300. Suburban school and water districts, \$500. Total, \$14,300.

"It is recommended that each of the governmental units be asked to budget the amounts indicated above for the fiscal year 1945-46, and that each be asked to appropriate 25 per cent of this amount for the current fiscal year so the staff can be employed and the work established on April 1, 1945.

"A committee of five should be set up, to represent the local units of government in directing the planning work, and to employ and supervise the staff. It is felt that since the funds are to be furnished by public agencies, these agencies should be represented on the committee which directs the work of the staff. It would be necessary to work out a plan under which specific work of benefit to the various contributing agencies, will be carried out and where certain services will be provided in connection with the day to day work of the Eugene and Springfield planning commissions.

"Advisory committees, including the Lane County Planning Council, and possibly also local committees dealing with specific problems, should be organized to study the data assembled by the staff, to suggest problems for study, and to present information and recommendations to the public at large. Representation on the steering committee of five might be arranged for as follows: 1 representative from the City of Eugene, 1 representative from the City of Springfield, 1 representative from Lane County, 1 representative from the school districts of the area, and 1 representative from the other special districts (water, fire protection and park).

"Your committee believes that the program suggested represents the minimum program that should be undertaken in order to



PATTON — Forces under command of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., shown in a portrait made in France, were prominent in checking the Nazi counter-offensive.

provide a basis for sound development of Central Lane County during the postwar period."

Respectfully submitted,
Elmo Chase
Wm. Fort
Herman Kehrl, Chairman.

CARRIES TORCH
HOLLYWOOD — Seventeen-year-old David Forrest, direct descendant of Edwin Forrest, noted Shakespearean actor of the 1840-70 era, makes his film debut in RKO-Radio's tentatively titled, "Follow Your Heart."

TRIO OF BIRTHDAYS
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes" company has the partyingest set in town. Edward G. Robinson, Agnes Moorehead and Frances Gifford all celebrated their birthdays on the stage within the past week.

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