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HOOD RIVER CORRECTS MISTAKE
Under strong pressures from the national officers of the American Legion the Hood River post has restored to its community honor roll the names of 15 men of Japanese descent now serving with the armed forces. Leaders of the post insist that they will oppose the resettlement of Nisei in their community, but at least they have corrected their injustice to the men who are proving their loyalty by offering their lives.

It is to the great credit of the Legion nationally that it refused to sanction such an act of discrimination, even by one post. It is never easy for the Legion nationally to discipline any single post, because essentially no organization is more democratic than the Legion, and each post is almost a law unto itself. (Often local posts go off on weird tangents).

However, from its very inception, the Legion has maintained that in wartime service, all men and women who offer their lives are equal. It is this basic principle which Commander Seiberling has persuaded the Hood River post to recognize.

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from this unhappy incident. It has been pointed out that in the Hood River valley and many other areas where Nisei have lived, the deep prejudices which exist have economic roots. Jap farmers and businessmen have always been tough competition. So are most immigrants from lands where people have been disciplined to work hard, live on little and exalt thrift.

Not only Japanese but many others with foreign background are trained in bargaining methods and close practices which offend what we call "ethics." In every big city and in every section of the country where there is a heavy foreign or racial increment, there are feelings and sometimes explosions which cause us to wonder about our "melting pot."

For some years we have been attempting to restrict immigration, and we have stiffened from time to time the requirements for citizenship, but too often citizenship is conferred lightly and without really sufficient examination to determine if the applicant really knows what it means to be a citizen of the United States. (And there are many of our native born who do not seem to understand their heritage).

If the Hood River incident proves anything it is that "citizenship education" requires deep thought.

MR. CHURCHILL'S SHAPKA
Prime Minister Churchill wore a new hat at the Crimea Conference. It was a becoming hat—a shapka, it was called—made of black lamb's wool. Though said to have been a present from Canadians, it was of Russian design. And it looked warm and comfortable, as well as handsome.

Many Americans must have felt a twinge of envy when they saw the picture of Mr. Churchill wearing it. And it may have oc-

curred to them, as it did to us, that hat reform in this country is long overdue. There is plenty of fruitless agitation for more sensible men's business attire, especially in summer—a sort of Four Freedoms, from coats, neckties, collars, long sleeves.

But the reformers seem to shy away from hats. This is a pity, for men's hats are both impractical and unbecoming. They blow off in the wind. They offer scant warmth in wintertime where warmth is needed. They afford little protection and less comfort in summer.

And the monotony of style and color. There is no better material for a better silhouette on our regimented life than the parade of headgear on one's fellow men as they file along a city street—snap brim after snap brim, all snapped precisely at the same angle; crown after crown, creased in conventional uniformity.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JIM STEVENS

Paul Bunyan's Measles . . .
"Do you mean to imply that the children of this great forest region are grown up in such dire ignorance," asked Larry the bullock, with fine indignation, "that they don't know the history of them great and gruesome bumps on the earth of the Tenino prairie?"

I reminded Larry I'd said nothing about children but had only remarked that some of my friends who are practicing soil scientists were regularly bedeviled by questions on the prairie mounds, and that they had no sure and ready answers.

"Of course there is no answer in college science as to what caused them mounds, bumps, abutments, or what will you, on the Tenino prairie spaces," said Larry. "But there is an answer in timber history, and I'd assumed to imagine history was taught in the schools. Maybe, as it's all a matter of measles, the school teachers have left it to the doctors, who've no doubt kept it a secret in Latin. Ah, yes—yes, indeed."

"I wonder," Larry went on, "what the Latin would be for 'Paul Bunyan's measles.' Anyhow, measles was the start of the Tenino bumps. And then Paul Bunyan vowed to prove he could change his spots, even if the leopard could not. And Dr. Johnny Inkslinger inventin' the razor, as he did."

The First Shave . . .
"Lumbermen have done more inventin' and gone more broke at it, than any other breed," declared Larry. "History credits them with inventin' the razor, but not, as some claim, for a log barker. Johnny Inkslinger, Paul Bunyan's timekeeper and camp doctor, invented the razor as a spot remover—for a measles spot remover, to be precise and all."

"He reasoned, Dr. Inkslinger did, that if Paul's measles spots could be removed, why, naturally he'd be rid of the measles. Then he found it would take the closest of shaves to remove the spots. And then it followed he had to have a measles razor for this. It was soon blueprinted and then hammered out and tempered by Big Ole, the blacksmith."

"Out of the Woods . . ."
"That was the battle cry of Dr. Johnny Inkslinger when, at the break of day, he fell to on the face of Paul Bunyan with the new measles razor. It was nothing to the yell let out by Paul Bunyan as the razor bit into his beard and hide. He was so big a man, and with such a beard that three cub bears hibernated in it all one winter without him finding them out. Now, when he yelled into the dawn, the sun came up early to see what all the noise was about."

"Well, sir, the yell make a tremenous wind which carried whisksers and measles spots from the first stroke of the razor out to scatter them far over the country. With each followin' stroke by Dr. Inkslinger, Paul yelled yet louder, and each time his measles spots were carried farther."

"The whisksers carried farthest, and they are another story, but the measles spots fell close about Paul and the place of his measles shave, which, is the Tenino country now. And there the spots laid for long centuries and years, until the good earth made soil upon them."

"So each bump or mound you see on the land there was once a measles spot on Paul Bunyan," concluded Larry. "Except for the rare giant bump you see now and again among the regular measles mounds. Each of the great big bumps would have been one of Paul Bunyan's warts."

ALLIANCE MEMBERS PLAN SILVER TEA
Plans for a silver tea to be held March 20 at the church, at which Dr. Samuel H. Jamieson of the University of Oregon will speak, were made by the Unitarian Women's Alliance, meeting Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Jamieson's topic will be "Our Racial Minority Problems." Plans also were made for a rummage sale to be held May 18 and 19.

Miss Irene Brownson was hostess at the Tuesday meeting. Hostesses for the next session will be Mrs. Anna L. Adams and Mrs. J. F. Walden.

MISSIONARY SPEAKS
Miss M. Ryder, missionary to Burma, where she has been teaching for the past four years, was

the speaker Tuesday afternoon at the meeting of the Alpha Missionary society of First Baptist church. Mrs. A. B. Serfling led devotions. Refreshments were served after the business meeting and program by the hostesses, Mrs. Nellie Casperson and Mrs. Ella Bray.

LODGE EVENT
Loyal Star of America, meeting Tuesday evening at the mirror room in the Eugene hotel, made plans for a party to be held March 14 at the cottage in Skinner Butte park. Wives of members of the men's unit, who are not members of the hostess order, will be invited. Refreshments were served and games were pledged, following the business session.

AID MEETS
United Lutheran Ladies Aid society heard Mrs. Leslie White tell of her experiences living in the Aleutian islands, at the meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the church. Luncheon was served before the business meeting and program. Mrs. Erwin Jullis led the devotional service. Hostesses were Mrs. Gil Nordling and Mrs. J. L. Sawyer.

Hostesses for the April meeting will be Mrs. F. S. Beistel and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell.

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SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

FIFTY DOLLARS GIVEN BY ZONTA TO RED CROSS

A sum of fifty dollars for the 1945 Red Cross war fund was voted by Zonta club at its business meeting, Tuesday evening, Osburn hotel. The sum was double the usual amount given by the club.

The Girl Scouts program was discussed at length. The club voted some time ago to sponsor troop No. 30 and at the Tuesday meeting all members signed up to assist with one program each at a meeting of the troop. Mrs. C. C. Carter, who is co-chairman with Mrs. Dorothy Metzger for the Girl Scouts committee of the club, gave the report on how club members may assist the scout troop. Among members volunteering to start of Zonta's part in programs were Mrs. Genevieve Turnpseed, Mrs. Larry Sweetman, Mrs. W. L. Davis, Mrs. Russell D. Evans, Mrs. C. A. Huntington, Mrs. J. S. Rosencrans. Announcement was made of a meeting for mothers of the troop, scouts, and Zonta committee members, as well as scout council representatives, on March 21 at the home of Mrs. H. C. Franchere, two o'clock.

Program Given
For the program, Mrs. Glenn Pirie, member of the international relations committee, gave a report from that group, pointing to the part of Zonta's code to promote understanding among nations, and reporting from some of the Zonta clubs elsewhere, Sweden and Iceland, particularly, these reports being presented to show that people of other countries carry on much the same as we do if we but understood.

Plans were announced for the next meeting to be held March 21, at the Eugene hotel, Mrs. C. C. Carter as hostess. The program for that evening will be on the countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden.

Also, that evening the quarterly citation for community service will be given to some woman of Lane county.

At the meeting Tuesday evening, the club voted to grant a past service membership to Mrs. Lillian V. Eldridge, who has been a member since the group was organized here in 1935.

Mrs. Ralph Anderson, a former member and a past president here, was a visitor. She is now located in San Francisco.

ALUMNAE MEET AT DINNER ON MONDAY

Delta Delta Delta alumnae met on Monday evening for dinner and a white elephant sale at the home of Mrs. T. M. Lundy. Attending were Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. E. W. Ellis, Miss Henrietta Mumby, Mrs. Vernon Hoffman, Mrs. Frederick K. Davis, Mrs. Spencer Collins, Mrs. Janice Lutz, Miss Pearl Bonisteel, Mrs. Ralph Christiansen, Mrs. James H. Gilbert, Miss R. Louise Fitch, Mrs. Claude Ben-

ton, Mrs. O. R. Kessinger, Mrs. Clarence Hines, Mrs. Ethan L. Newman, Mrs. J. W. Silva, all of Eugene; Mrs. Herbert Lombard, Mrs. Norman Richards, and Mrs. Folger Johnson, all of Cottage Grove.

SEVENTY-FIVE ATTEND DINNER OF GROUP

Seventy-five attended the dinner and program of the newly organized Service Men's Wives club, Tuesday evening, Osburn hotel. This was the first time for the newly chosen officers to take over. Mrs. Allan Gard being president. Mrs. Francis Coldren, Mrs. John McKy, and Mrs. Wallace Clark were hostesses. Mrs. Robert Hays sang. Following the dinner some of the members remained to play cards.

A dessert is planned for the evening of March 20, Osburn hotel.

For that meeting, each one attending is asked to take magazines for the naval hospital at Corvallis.

Wives of enlisted men in all branches of the service are invited to join the group and attend its meetings.

TEA GIVEN

GARDEN WAY—Mrs. Virgil Vincent entertained at tea for her mother, Mrs. C. B. Juul, who is visiting here from Duluth, Minn. Those enjoying the afternoon were, besides the guest of honor, Mrs. Harry Holt, Mrs. Jerry Adams, Mrs. Frank Harlow, Mrs. C. S. Calef, Mrs. Carl H. Rutherford, and Mrs. Bert Snook.

HOSPITALITY CLUB

Hospitality club held its meeting Monday evening, Osburn hotel. Mrs. Helen L. Couch, Mrs. C. A. Lytle, and Mrs. Mae Washburne were elected to membership.

Honors at cards went to Mrs. Gertrude Bauer and Mrs. Anna C. Gassman at contract, and to Mrs. S. B. Smith and Mrs. C. A. Lytle at auction.

TO ENTERTAIN CLUB

Mrs. Frank Whitlock will be hostess to the La Junta club on Friday afternoon, one - thirty o'clock.

MEETING FRIDAY

S. D. club is meeting next Friday evening, seven-thirty o'clock, home of Mrs. John Jensen.

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QUOTA CLUB INITIATES AT MONDAY MEETING

Twenty-seven members attended the Quota club luncheon Monday noon at the Osburn hotel.

Mrs. Henry D. Feily was initiated as a new member. The bulletin committee for April issue of "Quota Quacks" is to be Miss Emilie Hedblum, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Genevieve Nettleton, Mrs. Kathryn Kilburn. Birthday gifts were brought by Mrs. J. A. Cleaves, Mrs. A. J. Sundahl, and Mrs. Helen Soranum, Mrs. Nettleton, Miss Wilma Parrish, and Mrs. Feily winning them.

TEA FOR MRS. JENSEN

It was announced that a tea will be given next Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. F. White to honor Mrs. Harold Jensen, member of the club who is leaving soon for Silverton, planning to go into business there. The tea will be from four until six o'clock.

At the dinner meeting on March 19, all committee chairmen are to give a report of the year's activities, and at that meeting the names of "secret pals" will be revealed. The committee for that evening will include Mrs. Earl Byrom, Mrs. Don Motter, Mrs. Geraldine Arnold, Miss Gertrude Brown, Mrs. Mary Sands and Miss Madeline Edwards have been named a nominating committee.

A sum of twenty-five dollars was given to the American Red Cross drive.

Quota members are keeping the cookie jar at the USO filled during the month of March.

COUNCIL GROUP MEETING FRIDAY AT LUNCHEON

The Council of Women's Organizations is holding its regular monthly meeting Friday noon in the mirror room of the Eu-

gene hotel with Mrs. J. F. White presiding. Mrs. Bess Harnden, president of the Navy Mothers' club, will give a talk, as will Miss R. Louise Fitch, president of Phi Beta alumnae.

INITIATION HELD

Mrs. George Curtis and Mrs. Robert Bedortha were new members initiated at the meeting of Helmetta Temple, Pythian Sisters, Tuesday evening. Announcement was made of the sewing meeting to be held Friday evening of this week, at the home of Mrs. Elbert Goodman, 1724 1/2 Lawrence street. Staff practice was announced for next Tuesday evening, at eight-thirty o'clock.

The next regular meeting, March 20, will be a potluck dinner in honor of the grand chief, Mrs. Sadie Graham of Corvallis.

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