

Hi-Y Meeting Set Thursday

A pre-school planning conference for adult advisors to YMCA-sponsored Hi-Y Clubs in this area will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the home of A. F. Holmer, YMCA secretary.

Planning activities for the coming year will be the following: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fambow, Eugene High School; Mr. and Mrs. John Hale, University High School; and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Springfield Union High School.

Also attending will be Dean Mickelwait, principal of Eugene High, Lloyd Millhollen, principal of University High, and Owen Sabin, principal of Springfield High. The group will discuss plans for the meeting of the Lane County Hi-Y Council, the annual district Hi-Y officers training institute scheduled for Eugene this fall, plans for the youth and government session, and the monthly inter-club Hi-Y bean supper at the "Y" Community Center. Individual club plans will also come under consideration.

Paul Potter will be chairman of the conference, aided by Holmer.



(NEA Telephoto) The 1300 citizens of Perryopolis, Pa., (above) were amazed to learn that their town had inherited several million dollars from a wealthy Philadelphia widow. The money was left by the late Mrs. Mary Fuller Frazier who was born in Perryopolis. The town, which has one street light, will use the money to install more street lights and build a library, school and stadium.

Hospital Shows Ready for Tour

NEW YORK—(UP)—Veterans Hospital Camp Shows has started production on its fall and winter series of offerings for 100,000 men in 109 Army, Navy and Veterans Administration hospitals from Maine to California.

There will be 10 shows which will be "just what the doctor ordered."

Louis Simon, V H C S general manager, said that since USO Camp Shows first started entertaining hospitalized veterans in March, 1944, medical chiefs and special services officers "have studied these productions intently to determine what elements were therapeutically helpful to men in their care."

"They tell us that they can make the best use of shows featuring music, visual appeals and the familiar," Simon said. "Our new productions are being put together to provide an abundance of just those essentials."

Music Is Good
Simon said that the medical view is that any music is good so long as it pleases the patients. VHCS is recognizing patient approval of hillbilly acts by presenting "Broadway Hillbillies." At the same time VHCS also is exploring the possibilities of putting a ballet group on the road for the first time.

In the spring, Simon said, John Golden would be ready to tour his company in "Turn of the Mind," while Ezra Stone will direct a patient-written revue lampooning hospital life.

Dates Set
Opening dates were set as follows: Sept. 13, Fort Custer; Battle Creek, Mich.; Fayetteville, Ark. Sept. 20, Roseburg, Ore.; Hot Springs, Ark.; St. Albans, N.Y. Sept. 27, Denver, Colo.; Oteen, N.C. Oct. 4, Pasadena, Calif.; Columbia, S.C. Oct. 11, Fort Dix, N.J.

Each unit, traveling for 30 weeks, covers a circuit 28,000 miles long. Making on the average of five play dates a week, it presents approximately 20 auditorium shows and 50 ward shows a month. An average of 332 men see each performance. The schedule is set up to provide each hospital fresh entertainment every three weeks.

Six Students 'Blow' into LA

LOS ANGELES—(UP)—Six young men wheeled into town in a 1915 Cadillac, three weeks and forty blowouts out of Vancouver, B.C.

"Talk about blowing into town—we were blown, literally, all the way from Canada," said Harvey Richardson, 21-year-old owner of the ancient vehicle.

With Richardson are Jim Duprau, 22, Dean Corke, 21, Arthur Harris, 21, John Bell, 21, and George Jenvey, 21. All are students at the University of British Columbia on a sightseeing tour.

The youths, who plan to return to Canada this week, said they waited eight days during the journey for parts to get the big red car limping again. They lost count of the times they were stuck on hills.

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Previous parcel post time for the same trip has been running at two weeks by train. Air Service will be one fifth of the normal time for only four times the cost, according to the Eugene postmaster.

The new service will apply to all mailable matter weighing over eight ounces but not more than 70 pounds or exceeding 100 inches in length and girth combined.

Nationalists Capture Changchun Airfields

SHANGHAI—(UP)—Nationalist troops at Changchun have reportedly captured both airfields on the outskirts of the beleaguered city and the Chinese Air Force is preparing to start flying in food as soon as the landing strips are repaired.

The local offensive, which may mark the beginning of a major operation around the northernmost Nationalist stronghold in Manchuria, was ordered by Chiang Kai Shek in response to an urgent appeal from Changchun and from members of the National Assembly.

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Helen Keller Arrives At Tokyo Air Field

TOKYO—(UP)—Helen Keller arrived at the Iwakuni Air Base in Hinshu Monday aboard a British Lancaster transport.

She and her companion, Miss Polly Thompson, were greeted by high occupation officials. Preparations for the arrival of Miss Keller, famed for overcoming the handicaps of being blind and a deaf mute, have been underway for several months. "Helen Keller" pins were sold for aid to the blind, and even her song was broadcast on the Japanese radio.

Mimeograph Clerk Gets Pleasant Surprise

NEW YORK—(UP)—Werner Lillenthal, survivor of a Nazi forced labor camp, who now is working for the United Service for New Americans, discovered the impending arrival of his parents in the United States while working in the welfare agency's mail room.

Lillenthal was mimeographing

a roster of the next group of displaced persons due to arrive from Bremerhaven when he paused to read the list. The names of his parents were there.

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Worms Couldn't Even Turn In Washington's Awful Heat

By Harman W. Nichols
WASHINGTON—(UP)—It was so hot in Washington last week that even the worm couldn't turn without help.

And there was old Russ Morrison in his blue denim, sweating in front of a big, beat-up old box in the cellar of the Washington Zoo, hand-turning worms. Worms, he said, have to turn or be turned so they'll get fat. Else his charges, the snakes and snails and tadpoles, will turn up their noses at supper time.

Bugs, Worms
Gray-haired Mr. Morrison has one of the strangest jobs in the government. It's his assignment to breed bugs and worms and feed them to the slithering creatures that look so happily asleep when you see them through the glass.

Russ, a pleasant little fellow who has been an unsung hero of the famous zoo for 17 years, is extra proud of one breed of worm. A strange kind that turns from worm into bug and then back to worm again. This kind is fed to lizards, frogs and small snakes. Russ keeps these fellows in drawers, filled with straw and the snakes get their supper only when the drawer produces a worm about an inch long.

Coddles 'Em
As for the worms themselves, Russ coddles them with a variety of foods. Some he feeds by pouring sour milk onto the straw. Things like beetles, which some snakes and the other small creatures like, are fed cut sweet potatoes and apples, chopped up like baby food.

Little snakes are fed about once a week—a couple dozen worms apiece at a meal.

Russ Morrison has handled snakes ever since he can remember. He played with grass snakes when he was a kid and then got a job as a helper in a private zoo located on 24 acres of land near the capital. He liked it fine, among the monkeys and birds, but yearned for his snakes. Eventually the private zoo owner passed along and Russ applied for a job from Dr. William Mann of the National Zoo. Said he was a snake man. The good doctor needed a snake feeder at the time and schooled our friend on the complicated job of raising worms and feeding same to snakes and frogs and the like.

Smart Man
Russ is a smart snake man. He has great respect for the kind of reptile which spits venom. He gives this kind a wide berth.

The little guys don't bother him. He's been bitten by them so many times he can't give the count. He never uses gloves.

"Sissy stuff," he says. "I just splash a little iodine on it," he adds, looking down at his newest scar. "That does it."

Snakes, by and large, he says, are lovable, harmless critters. "We just keep 'em locked up to keep 'em from scarin' the customers."

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