

News of Society . .

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A. A. U. W. Meets To Form Plans For Nursery

Plans for opening the nursery are pending until W. P. A. author- ities give word of their coopera- tion in this project. Mrs. William Niskanen, president of the local branch of the American Associa- tion of University Women, told the group last night when members of the association met at the home of Mrs. George Simerville, 644 Harriman.

The past week, the nursery school committee, headed by Mrs. Sam Scott, had met with Andrew Juras, welfare representative of this district. "The A. A. U. W. plans for the day school are fine," Juras said, "and I'm glad that such a project has been started in this community. However, I believe that such an undertaking should be co-sponsored by the W. P. A."

Juras advised the committee to call mill and cantonment author- ities to find out their plans for hiring women in the near future. After such information has been gathered, the W. P. A., upon re- quest, will send a technician to Bend to make inquiries on the matter and study building require- ments for the nursery.

After the nursery discussion, "Strategic Alaska" was reviewed by Mrs. Niskanen, giving its geo- graphy and exploration; Mrs. Sim- erville, settlement and industry; and Mrs. James Van Huffel, Alas- kan highways and military out- look.

Announcement was made of the next regular meeting of the asso- ciation to be held December 17 at the home of Mrs. Niskanen, 525 Broadway. The affair will be a Christmas potluck party, and the committee in charge includes Har- bara Steinhauer, Ardythe Dough- erty and Ruth Hosch.

Hostesses for last night's meet- ing were Mrs. Howard Kent, Mrs. E. E. Johnston and Mrs. Kent J. Richens.

Group Arranges Yuletide Gifts

Christmas gifts for wives, sons and daughters of veterans con- fined in the Portland hospital were brought to the Tuesday eve- ning meeting of the American Le- gion auxiliary.

The gifts are sent to the bedside of the sick man, who is allowed to choose what he wishes to send to his family for Christmas. The vet- eran wraps and labels his own gifts.

Cash donations were also sent to the department headquarters to be used for Christmas cheer for the men.

At the business session, it was decided to hold a rummage sale in Bend November 27, 28 in the Burich building on Wall street.

Two candidates were present for initiation. They included Daisy Daum and Mrs. B. Bressee.

Mrs. George Brick and Mrs. W. H. Coahran served lunch at the close of the meeting which was held in the library auditorium.

Service Men Dance Tonight

Plans have been completed for the dance this evening which will honor service men and members of the civilian pilot training groups stationed here, according to Mrs. Fred Gibson, chairman of the committee.

Among those invited to attend are junior hostesses whom the committee has selected; Odd Fel- lows and their wives and Rel- bekahs and their husbands.

The affair will start at 9 o'clock and will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Enjoy Dinner—Knights of Pyth- las and Pythian Sisters enjoyed the recent pot luck dinner and meeting held in Sather hall. Thirty members were present and joined in group singing and other entertainment throughout the af- fair. Mrs. Marie Smith was chair- man of the event.

Noble Grands' Club Meets—The Past Noble Grands' club met with Mrs. C. P. Niswonger Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. Fred Van Matre and Mrs. Ethan Innes as hostesses. The next meeting of the club will be on Dec. 15, at a place not yet selected, with Mrs. Rolla Morgan, Mrs. Fred Gibson and Mrs. Carey Stevens as host- esses.

Sunshine Club—Mrs. Frank Perry will entertain members of the Sunshine club Tuesday after- noon at 2 o'clock.

Circles Meet—Circles one and two of the Catholic Altar society will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Vic Plath, 514 State street.

SOCIAL CALENDAR
Monday
8:00 p. m.—Eastern Star, Ma- sonic temple.
Tuesday
2:00 p. m.—First Presbyterian church sewing circle, home Mrs. Fred A. Lieuallen, 944 Riverside boulevard.
2:00 p. m.—Circles one and two, Catholic Altar society, home Mrs. Vic Plath, 514 State street.
2:00 p. m.—Sunshine club, home Mrs. Frank Perry.
Wednesday
7:00 p. m.—Job's Daughters, Masonic temple.

Church Filled For Fellowship Dinner Program

A family style potluck dinner and program was enjoyed Wed- nesday evening by members of the Methodist congregation who filled the dining hall of the church for the November fellowship af- fair.

The program included vocal solos by Miss Betty Cooper, of Salem, a house guest of the Craig Coyners; piano numbers by Lloyd Hanson; and discussion by the en- tire group on various phases of war activities which have devel- oped in the church program. Dis- cussions were led by the pastor, Rev. John B. Coan.

The next dinner was announced for late December or early Jan- uary. Group four with Mrs. Mar- ion Poop as chairman, was in charge of the dinner. Tables were bright with Thanksgiving decora- tions and lighted candles.

Miss Garske Is Named Prexy of Service League

Miss Helen Garske has been named to fill the unexpired term of president of the Girls Service league, it was announced at the meeting Thursday evening.

Miss Garske, former vice-presi- dent of the organization, replaces Miss Mary Midwood, who has been president since its inception in Bend. Miss Midwood plans to make her home in Portland.

The league members were busy this week distributing gift boxes to boys leaving here for army and navy induction centers.

Voters League Has Session

Russell D. Davis, manager of the Bend U. S. employment of- fice, was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the League of Women Voters Thursday evening in the Pine Tavern.

His subject was on the war man power commission stabiliza- tion order and he explained to the group the provisions of the order and its effect on sawmill and log- ging industries.

Those present at the meeting were Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Mrs. E. W. Williamson, Marie Sargeant, Mrs. J. B. Heyburn, Maude Maddox, Mrs. Russ Farnham, Mrs. Boyd DeBunce, Mrs. Howard An- derson, Mrs. H. E. Beach, Mrs. James A. Chamberlin, Mrs. H. A. Davis and Mrs. George Conklin.

Job's Session—Job's Daughters will meet Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Masonic temple. Pot luck dinner, initiation and elec- tion of officers will be included in the program.

Sewing Group—The First Pres- byterian sewing circle will meet with Mrs. Fred A. Lieuallen, 944 Riverside boulevard, Tuesday af- ternoon at 2 o'clock.

Eastern Star—Members of Eastern Star will gather Monday evening at 8 o'clock for a regular social affair in the Masonic temple.

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Montgomery Ward's reply to the NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

November 13, 1942

National War Labor Board
Department of Labor Building
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have the National War Labor Board's order of November 5*.

In this order the Board demands that Montgomery Ward & Company enter into a contract establishing a form of closed shop called "maintenance of membership," together with a check-off of union dues from wages. Under this form of closed shop, the employees who are members of the union would not be free to resign from the union without being discharged, and Wards would not be free to retain a competent worker who had resigned from the union. This making of union membership a condition of employment is the essence of the closed shop, whatever form it may take. "Main- tenance of membership" is the starting phase which inevitably leads to the full closed shop.

The President of the United States is quoted as hav- ing said, on November 14, 1941: "The government of the United States will not order, nor will Congress pass legislation ordering, the so-called closed shop". Wards is in agreement with this statement and believes that the Board's order is not in accordance with the President's principles.

Wards believes that the Board's demands not only violate the fundamental principles of liberty but are eco- nomically unsound and are illegal under the terms of the National Labor Relations Act.

If the Board's order against Wards is enforced, the pattern will be established by which all unions in all industries can secure a form of closed shop and check- off merely by appealing to the War Labor Board.

The Board further ordered a form of compulsory arbitration for Wards. Wards is not opposed to volun- tary arbitration. However, Wards' management should not, as demanded by the Board, abandon responsibilities which have been vested in it by the owners of the cor- poration, and so surrender to outside arbitrators the final decision on all matters which the union may wish to treat as grievances.

The Board further ordered that Wards guarantee its wages and other working conditions for a one-year period. Wards believes that a fixed duration of one year is unsound in these uncertain times.

Wards operates in a highly competitive field com-

posed of one million seven hundred fifty thousand retail establishments. It is unfair to impose burdens upon Wards and not upon those with whom it is in compe- tition.

Wards' efforts to preserve the essential freedoms be- tween itself and its employees have not been prompted by any feeling of anti-unionism. The report of the Mediation Panel expressly recognizes this fact. Wards' policy has been to obey the law. Wards has twenty-nine union contracts with both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions.

Wards has already given its employees the increases in wages previously recommended by the Board. Wards did this even though its wages were already as high as or higher than those prevailing in the industry and had been increased an average of over 21% since January, 1941. Wards is willing to include these increases in a contract with the union. There is no issue over wages.

The War Labor Board was created by the President to replace the old Defense Mediation Board. The Media- tion Board was destroyed by the resignation of the union members following the Board's vote of nine to two against a closed shop in the captive coal mine case. The War Labor Board, in name only, is composed of represen- tatives of the unions, of industry, and of the public. The union representatives are men chosen for leadership by the unions, and have actually protected the interests of the unions. On the other hand, neither industry nor the public have had any voice in the selection of those who presumably represent them. By their decisions, the sup- posed representatives of industry and of the public have because of inexperience, prejudice or lack of under- standing, abandoned the interests of those whom they were appointed to represent.

Under the Constitution, Congress is the sole law making authority. If closed shops and compulsory arbi- tration are to become requirements upon employers, it is Congress and not the War Labor Board which should make them so. Congress has not empowered the Board to order any employer to do any of the things it de- mands of Wards.

Accordingly, Wards rejects the order of the Board. If Congress imposes closed shops, compulsory arbitra- tion or contracts for a year's duration on employers, or if the President of the United States, as Commander-in- Chief in time of war, directs that Wards accept the Board's rulings, which we earnestly believe are illegal and uneconomic, we will respectfully obey.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) SEWELL AVERY
President

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