

Somervell to Have Charge of Army Building

Washington, Dec. 13 (AP)—The war department announced today that Lieutenant Colonel Brehon B. Somervell, who has the reputation of being a hard-hitting administrator, has been placed in command of its lagging \$1,147,000,000 construction program.

The department said in a statement that Brigadier General Charles D. Hartman, who had been in charge of construction, entered Walter Reed hospital Wednesday "for observation and treatment following a long period of overwork."

General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, said that delays in certain construction projects "had no bearing on the assignment of Colonel Somervell." These delays, he added, had been due to causes beyond the control of the construction division.

Secretary of War Stimson disclosed at a press conference yesterday that tentative dates for taking 98,000 national guardsmen into the federal service had been revised because some housing and other facilities inevitable were not being completed on schedule.

Colonel Somervell, a native of Little Rock, Ark., recently had been WPA administrator in New York City. He is a former president of the Mississippi river commission and once was in charge of construction on the controversial Florida ship canal.

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stallation with Pearl lodge, December 20.

Retta Clarke, retiring worthy matron, thanked the officers and members for the help and cooperation given her the past year, and presented her officers with gifts. "Birthday night" was observed for the remaining members whose birthdays come in the past three months.

In the dining room, at the close of chapter, 10 members were seated at the specially decorated birthday table.

For this meeting a short program was put on by the women members of the chapter, the supper and table decorations by the men.

Dallas—Members of the Junior Women's club held their Christmas party Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. D. Peterson, the state president of the Federation of Women's clubs. Miss Julia LeBarre, Miss Laura Marsh, Miss Mary Lou Ireland and Miss Kathryn Rowe were the hostess group for the evening.

Short talks were given by Mrs. Wayne Robinson of Albany and Mrs. Ronald Craven of Salem. Games were the diversion of the social hours after which the members exchanged gifts. Guests were Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Craven, Mrs. Elmer Schulson and Mrs. Hayes Hibbs. Members present were Miss Mildred Quigley, Miss Elizabeth Grant, Miss Kathryn Rowe, Miss Maxine Horton, Miss Dorothy Palmer, Miss Julia LeBarre, Miss Mary Lou Ireland, Miss Laura Marsh, Mrs. Lloyd Hughes, Miss Velma Schroeder, Miss Gertrude Killever, Miss Maxine Helms, Mrs. A. R. Hartman and Mrs. H. D. Peterson.

Yuletide Features On Club Program

Monmouth—A day of Yuletide features was presented by the Elks Women's club at the club house Wednesday in observance of the near holidays.

Mrs. Ira Ray was hostess for the meeting which opened with a 1 o'clock no-host luncheon at tables beautifully appointed in the holiday motif.

As the meeting concluded the old club year election of officers and reports by various committees occupied the afternoon session. Officers to be seated at the first meeting of the new club year in January are Mrs. Roy Clark, president; Mrs. Chester Dodson, vice-president; Mrs. E. Hamilton, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Wilson, treasurer. In conclusion the members joined with visitors and children in the ceremony of exchanging gifts from a decorated tree.



HANDLED WITH CARE—With patient, steady hands Elizabeth Monterio attaches a gas mask face piece to a breathing valve at a Fall River, Mass., factory where army masks are being produced. About 500 girls are busy making masks there.

East State Street Realty Is Moving

Four Corners, East State Street, Dec. 13.—Activity in the real estate market is again being evidenced in this community and several substantial sales of houses and lots for building purposes have been reported in the last few days.

F. A. Boyington of Lyons has purchased the Townsend property on East State street opposite the Valley Box and Fred W. Smith Lumber company plants and will erect a house and a bathery will also be built according to present plans. A. L. Lauritsen who bought the Darrel Blanchard property about a year ago and erected three houses has disposed of two of the dwellings, one to Perry Conner and another to George Julin.

Business Men Meet

Four Corners—Recent election of Frank Doerfler to the office of King Bing of Cherrilans of Salem was heartily endorsed by the townspeople here and members of the Business Men's association at the meeting Wednesday evening at which Doerfler was elected president in the absence of Waldo Miller, president, one of the comedians in the Elks show now performing in Salem. Several propositions were considered, among them, the advisability of erecting signs at various intersections or roads leading into the town, advertising the city. Au Franc was appointed chairman of a committee to confer with the state highway commission relative to placing blinker lights at the main intersection; Tom Allen and Frank Hershfield are the other members. A vote of thanks was tendered to Dan Hay, manager of the Associated Employers of Oregon, in helping to prepare the by-laws and constitution for the local organization.

It was also proposed to have pictures taken of all business houses and the pictures then assembled in a group with one to be placed in

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For its next meeting the club meets January 8 with Mrs. Ralph Dodson and Mrs. Chester Dodson as hostesses.

Guests and members who participated in Wednesday's meeting were Mrs. Bernard Moore, Mrs. John Riney, Mrs. Jesse Johnson, Mrs. A. F. Klemme, Mrs. Roy Clark, Mrs. W. A. Hawman, Mrs. Charles Bowman, Mrs. Percy Lamb, Mrs. Jim Wilson, Mrs. Tom McElowney, Mrs. Fred Scholl, Mrs. Joe Stanta, Mrs. Albert Jackson, Mrs. E. Hamilton, Mrs. A. F. Elkins, Mrs. Harold Elkins, Mrs. Joe Dunn, Mrs. Dell Tedrow, Mrs. Ralph Dodson, Mrs. Chester Dodson, Mrs. J. Lloyd Nelson, Mrs. N. Albert Nelson and Mrs. Ira Roy.

Music Program Of Merit for 4 P.M. Sunday

A program of unusual merit will be presented at the First Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the music, art and drama departments of Willamette university. Professor T. S. Roberts, organist for many years at First Methodist, will open the "Christmas vespers" with the playing of "Fugue in G minor," by Bach.

Music by the a cappella choir of Willamette university, under the direction of Dean Melvin H. Geist, and "living pictures," arranged by Miss Genevieve Oppen and Miss Constance Fowler, highlight the program, which follows:
Prelude—"Fugue in G minor".....Bach
By Professor T. S. Roberts
Candle Lighting
"The Pastoral" from Il Pastor Fido.....Vivaldi-Bazzani
Mary Schultz Duncan, violin; Bernard Barron, cello; Gordon Jones, Hugh Lovell, Taper, beaters
Processional—"O Come All Ye Faithful"
University a cappella choir
"Sonata No. 3 in D minor" for violin and piano.....Brahms
Mary Schultz Duncan, violin; Clara Zoss, piano
"Beautiful Savior".....Christiansen
"The Three Kings".....William University a cappella choir
Tableau: "The Annunciation"
Ensemble for voice, violin, cello, and organ, John Worth, Melvin H. Geist, tenor; Mary Schultz Duncan, violin; Bernard Barron, cello; Maurice Brennen, organ
Tableau: "The Shepherds"
"Variations from the 11th Trio".....Beethoven
Clara Zoss, piano; Mary Schultz Duncan, violin; Bernard Barron, cello
In the morning service the Cathedral choir will sing "How Lovely Are Thy Messengers" (Mendelssohn) and "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (Lathbury). Dr. J. C. Harrison's sermon subject is "Through the Church to God."

Holcomb Talks On Welfare Work

M. Emerson Holcomb, administrator for the Marion county public welfare commission, last night addressed the men's club of First Congregational church, which met at the Argosy. The address dealt with various phases of welfare work and brought a number of questions from the interested listeners.

Zero Polaire was elected president of the club for the coming year and R. D. Slater secretary. Les Whitehouse and Prof. E. S. Oliver were appointed a program committee.

As a feature of entertainment two songs were sung by Robert Mealey, accompanied by Winston Bunnell.

The next meeting of the club will be January 15.

To lighten the work of volunteer bus conductors during the bus strike in Shanghai, China, passengers were asked to pay a round trip fare of 20 cents for which they could travel from one end of the route to the other.

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