

For What It's Worth

By K. D. P.

It was truly a very lucky break for our basketball team when they nosed out Rogue River. I said lucky because their playing was terrible in the last quarter of the game. In the first half they played as champions and rarely made any mistake as they passed the ball down for inshoots. Their defense was perfect in every respect and they had good control of the ball under the goal. They were ahead 17 to 16 and if they had carried out the same style of work in the last half, the score would have been much bigger than it was. But they fell down wide open and could not click, especially in the last quarter when Rogue River went wild and scored almost at ease, every time they had the ball. Of course most of their scoring was done from long shooting, which were really one of the finest exhibitions of long shooting I have seen in a long time and boys, those fellows from Rogue River surely can shoot.

I think our boys were pretty tired in the last quarter because I am always particular about the condition of the players. They were tired all right because in the first part of the last quarter when Rogue River began to speed up, our boys began to look at the big time clock at the gym and kept looking at that too much, which indicated they were worried and tired and wished the time could go faster.

I have had little faith in that big time clock because it distracts too much of the players' attention. It is all right to have those modern scoreboards that tell the score from start to the end but not that clock.

Well, our boys won the division championship and all credit goes to them and to Mr. Jewett for his fine work. Now today, tomorrow and Saturday (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), the class B championship tournament will be held, and our boys will be in there playing. Well, if they can display the same style of play as they did in the first half of last Thursday's game with Rogue River and not lose their head at all in the last half, Central Point will win the county toga easily.

South America As Seen by Local Lady

Mrs. Mildred Swain is writing to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott, from South America, where she is with her husband, who is employed by the government rubber research.

Continued from last week

Oct. 29, 1943
Well, Mr. Bull left yesterday and we all went down to see him off. The planes take off very early and it is necessary to have breakfast a little before 5 A.M. and head for the plane base. We took a movie of the base yesterday and of the plane off so hope the pictures come out O.K. and you can see what it looks like and all. The water is so low now that the catwalk from land to the floating "float" where the planes tie up is getting longer every time we go to the plane base. When the float was first put out there it was just a few

Red Cross Asks \$200,000,000 To Cover Wartime Needs

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Confronted with responsibilities of unprecedented proportions, as the war enters its most crucial stage, and with a staggering task ahead in the post-war period, the American Red Cross opens its 1944 War Fund appeal March 1, confident that the American people will respond to the limit of their ability.

President Roosevelt, president of the American Red Cross, Norman H. Davis, chairman and active head of the vast organization, and Leon Fraser, national War Fund chairman, join in urging the people of this country to help Red Cross reach its national objective of \$200,000,000 because of the vital part it must play within the next twelve months.

Chairman Davis, in opening the campaign, will stress the fact that with the decisive stage of the war at hand, the Red Cross must assume a greater burden than ever before, and at the same time must provide aid to servicemen being returned in ever-increasing numbers.

Red Cross operations over the entire world during 1943 have dwarfed its activities during the first two years of war.

An even greater burden will be placed on Red Cross services in 1944. Thousands of American men and women are now in Red Cross service with U. S. troops at home bases and overseas. Field directors, hospital, club and recreation workers are with American armed forces in virtually every command, Mr. Davis asserted.

Both in Europe and in the Far East, Red Cross workers have either gone with invasion forces into new combat areas, or have followed within a very limited time.

On the home front, the Red Cross has broadened its service tremendously. Field directors are serving in

every sizable military establishment and camp throughout the country, and recreation and social service workers are located in Army and Naval hospitals.

One of the most important and necessary war-time Red Cross functions has been the collection of human blood for plasma. Thirty-five blood donor stations are now operating.

The dramatic story of the Red Cross Blood Donor Service, through which thousands of soldiers and sailors have been saved from death, began in February, 1941, when the Surgeons General of the Army and Navy asked the Red Cross to procure 15,000 pints of blood. Last year more than 3,700,000 pints of blood were collected for the Army and Navy. This year the goal is more than 5,000,000 pints.

With major battles of the war yet to come, the Army has asked the Red Cross to supply many millions of surgical dressings. American men wounded in battle will depend acutely on the vast Red Cross surgical dressing production program.

Numerous other Red Cross home operations, such as Prisoners of War packaging centers, where more than a million parcels for war prisoners are prepared each month for shipment overseas, are supported by citizen participation in the Red Cross War Fund.

So extensive is Red Cross service during this war that every American civilian can contribute something to at least one of its functions. To continue this gigantic work, all Americans must assume their share of the responsibility of carrying on this far-reaching service.

The \$200,000,000 quota will enable Red Cross to alleviate suffering and pain at home and abroad, and to carry on its vast military welfare service.

the Indian territory. They consisted of a huge bow and two poison arrows, a chief's stick which is some four feet long and made out of carved mahogany, little carved pins, animals and fish made from Guarana. Guarana is the name of the Brazilian "Coca Cola" when it is made up into a drink but the Guarana root is also powdered in some manner and compressed into solid blocks. From these blocks objects of art are carved and they are lovely. There are ashtrays and little animals made from Guarana which are in our house and you cannot tell them from wood except by close examination. There was also a beaded loin-cloth which the Indian women wear; a jangle which fastens around the knees of the Indian Buck when he goes into his

dance. This is made from dried nut shells which are cut in half and polished. When completed the shells made a tinkling sound similar to tiny bells. There are perhaps fifty or more of these shells on one jangle and by shaking only the one set it is almost deafening. I can imagine the noise a bunch of them would make at an Indian dance, can't you? The shells are fastened together by cotton cord which is made into a fancy open work lace strip about four inches wide with the border of nut shells. The cotton is also made by the Indians from the fibre of a tree. The man who brought these things to Jim has promised that on his next trip into Indian territory within the next few weeks he will bring the Swains some souvenirs. The Indians, as mentioned, are definitely not friendly and more than one person has lost his life in their territory.

This man, who is Brazilian and English, has made friends with them because he is teaching them how to tap rubber and prepare it for market so they have decided to tolerate him and bring him these gifts to show their good faith. Even so the Chief of the Tribe has placed a guard around him so that his people cannot harm him for even the chief isn't sure that the people won't suddenly revolt and add another scalp to their collection. I will be very happy to get souvenirs from this wild country and I know you folks will enjoy seeing them too so hope we are fortunate on the next journey into the jungles which our friend will make.

(Continued from Last Week)

Letters From Our Boys in Service

Somewhere in Italy

January 8, 1944

Dear Mother and Dad:

I will write again and say I'm still fine. I received your letter of December 4 and enjoyed it. Well, I suppose it's real "winter" there now and I hope not too cold. I hope you all

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have missed the "flu". Take care of your health this winter and rest up.

You would be surprised at the homes here. They are all so old and dull looking with thick stone walls and tile roofs. A fireplace or small stone oven is all the cooking "stove" they have and fuel is very scarce.

Children in the rural areas work hard and I haven't seen any schools except the Church Schools for primary grades. I'll say again that there is no place where a young person has half the chance to learn that we had in the U.S.A. Everyone wants to go back with us to America.

I was reading an article the other day where some "wise guy" had decided that there was too much wild game in the States now and that hired hunters should be employed to kill the surplus and help the meat shortage. Here's what I think about such a plan. I can sit here tonight

and see the deer in the woods, the pheasants and quail around our house and the fine fish in the streams and home would never be the same without that game. I hope the wild life will always be protected so future generations can enjoy it. I have seen one wild rabbit in Africa and there's no game at all in Italy. Very few birds of any kind here and not even a squirrel. Let's let them live in America. I'm fighting for the wild life just as much as the other GREAT things in the States.

Best wishes, tell all hello for me, and write often.

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