

13th Annual Convention Held at Grants Pass

The 13th annual convention of District No. 5 of Southern Oregon Women Relief Corps met in the library auditorium in Grants Pass, March 27 for an all day session. General Logan Corps No. 25 as hostess while the President, Mrs. Alice Turner, of Ashland was being seated, Mrs. Willie McLean accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lorlie Minnick sang "Alice Blue Gown." While the rest of the convention officers were being seated they were presented gifts from the president by Mrs. Mollie Dover. Mrs. Mae Robison, senior vice president of the convention then presented the president with a gift from the convention officers. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Willie McLean and responded to by Mrs. Mollie Dover. Guests of the convention were Department of Oregon President Mrs. Grace Goin; Department Treasurer Mrs. Christine Raney; Mrs. Ann V. Pedersen, Mrs. Mary E. Schnase, Mrs. Lorlie Minnick, Mrs. Mary Fern, Mrs. Mae Robison, department officers were also presented to the convention. The memorial services were put on by the convention chaplain rs. Anna Harmon, assisted by the other corps chaplains. During this service Mrs. Willie McLean accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lorlie Minnick sang "There is no night there."

Luncheon was served at noon by the hostess corps on beautiful decorated tables yellow flowers being used. Presentation of the traveling flag to the convention was made by the Central Point Corps and a tribute given to the flag by Mrs. Lorlie Minnick. Central Point Corps initiated one member. Mrs. Anna Stinebaugh paid tribute to the six past presidents present. Mrs. Nellie Spaulding put on a skit that was much enjoyed. Talks by the department officers were much enjoyed.

The next year's convention is to be held in Central Point.

The following officers were elected: President Mrs. Lorlie Minnick, Central Point; senior vice president, Mrs. Mollie Dover, Grants Pass; junior vice president, Mrs. Eugene St. Laurent, Grants Pass; chaplain, Mrs. Nellie Penny, Grants Pass; conductor, Mrs. Mae Robison, Central Point; assistant conductor, Mrs. Susie Wadlow, Central Point; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Grace Shirier, Central Point; guard, Mrs. Nellie Peters, Ashland; assistant guard, Mrs. Alice Turner, Ashland, patriotic instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth Faber, Central Point; musician, Mrs. Willie McLean, Gold Hill; press correspondent, Mrs. Amy Foster, Medford and color bearers, Mrs. Marietta Pratt, Grants Pass; Mrs. Ada Buck, Grants Pass, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Ashland and Mrs. Celia Berninghausen, Ashland. There were forty seven members present.

The Triple A Block Co. have purchased a large truck now and expect to haul pumice from Bend, Oregon.



Letter From Washington--

There is an extremely important publication delivered daily to each Member of Congress. It is entitled "Daily Statement of the United States Treasury." It tells in detail just how your federal government stands financially. On February 28th, 1948, our federal public debt reached its peak of \$278,451,079,946.48. Two years and one month later, as of March 23rd, 1948, the federal public debt is \$253,166,736,610.87. In other words, during the past 25 months, the debt has been paid off at the rate of one billion dollars per month. At that rate, the entire war debt, plus the 50 billion dollar debt built up during the New Deal WPA spending days, would be retired in 21 years.

Republicans believe that the present drain on taxpayers is too great. We also believe that capital which should be going into business and production expansion is being siphoned off in the form of high taxes to such an extent that our economy will be ruined unless this drain of capital into the Federal Treasury is decreased. Many Democratic Members of Congress agree with us. That is why the House of Representatives passed the tax reduction bill by a vote of 289 to 67.

Washington, D.C. weather is spring-like, with afternoon temperatures going toward 90 degrees. Blossoms are coming out earlier than usual. The Annual cherry blossom festival scheduled for April 10th may have to take place without the benefit of cherry blossoms, since the

famous "Oriental" cherry trees which border the Tidal Basin are already in full bloom.

But the blossoms and the weather are the only things cheerful and sunny in this worried Capital right now.

The Russians, whether intentionally or otherwise, have recently made some substantial contributions to the intensive propaganda drive carried on by the Administration for the passage of the European Recovery Plan. The over-all result of the propaganda drive, plus the Russian moves in Europe, has been to create a spell of war fever here, not unlike that which existed in the Fall of 1941.

Although the Russian take-over of the government of Czechoslovakia was a ruthless move, it must be remembered that Czechoslovakia was already a Russian satellite nation. The Italian elections scheduled for April 18th offer a serious threat of Communist victory there, but the people of Italy have, as recently as last October, voted against the Communists, and probably will again. Nevertheless, those two developments constitute the basis for the present war scare.

I do not mean to minimize the

seriousness of the situation in Europe, but I think the zeal of those who have been testifying for, and speaking and writing about, the Marshall Plan has not only crystallized the sentiment of our people for the plan, but accounts for a large part of our present war fear.

There is another heart-breaking similarity between present events and those of 1941. In 1941, we were shipping scrap iron, petroleum products and other war materials to Japan. Today, petroleum products, airplane engines and other essential war supplies are being sold and shipped to Russia and her satellites. Many Members of Congress have been protesting this situation for months, but as this is written, nothing really tangible has been done about it. The President could end this business with an executive order.

We are about midway in this session of Congress. Much of the big legislation has been cleared, or will shortly be disposed of. Under the heading of "big legislation" would come the tax reduction bill, the modification of rent control, the European Recovery Program, and major appropriation bills.

In the Reciprocal Trade Agreement program, a renewal of Selective Service a new National Science Foundation bill to authorize the beginning of a synthetic liquid fuels program may come up for consideration. The universal military training bill is at present on the shelf, but if the world situation grows much darker, it too, may be acted upon during this session.

Mrs. Hogue, of East Ash, St., has been quite ill with flu for the past three weeks. She is improved some at this writing.

Mrs. Cora Kainsey has been suffering from an infected eye for some time. She is a little improved now.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Golden and children spent Easter with relatives in Redding, Calif.

Mrs. Parsons has been giving her home a new interior paint job. Real looks nice. Also has put a new masonite floor covering over the floor.

Mrs. Ceider and daughter, of Calif. and Mrs. Folger and daughter, of Grants Pass were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stringer Tuesday. Mrs. Ceider and daughter expect to return to California in a few days. They are relatives of Mrs. Stringer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stringer spent their Easter at Willerville attending Easter services at Murphy. Mrs. Ena Adams, of Rogue River is expecting to give her patients of this community and the communities near by treatment in Central Point. She will be at 413 East Ash St.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Stanley, of Central Point, received a surprise visit from their daughter, Beverly and son-in-law, Kenneth Walker. The young people drove up from Oakland, California, Sunday, March 21st, and spent an enjoyable 5-days despite the inclement weather.

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