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Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham



Harnett Kane has written a new angle to the history of the Civil War. We have read gigantic masterpieces of historical fiction, accounts tinged with blue or gray depending on which side of the Mason-Dixon line the author cut his eye teeth. Myriads of books have been published telling the plight of the Negro slaves and describing the fabulous activities of the underground. But the book, "Spies for the Blue and Gray", is a new approach, a composite biography of the courageous men women who became the famous spies of the Civil War.

The book jacket gives this interesting description: "They were a mixed and sometime raffish band, these spies of the Blue and Gray—a brilliant and also an altogether human lot. They included Washington hostesses who slipped military information to lovesick admirers; actresses who traipsed over the landscape, bewitching every colonel and captain in sight; a quiet Quaker schoolteacher of Virginia who slipped military information to a Union commander and then went right on with her teaching; and a belle of eighteen who ran out with her spy's information to a marching army. One or two of the men wore black face and women's skirts; several ladies put on men's garb. They pretended to be horse doctors, cake sellers, rustic simpletons. They dug up bodies in the night, defied the bullets of military sentries, even shot themselves on occasion the better to impress the enemy who trusted them. All in all, they make most modern spies look pale."

As often happens, Mrs. Kane notes, the ladies came first. They outspied the men in a series of violent, often chucklesome exploits. What few men dared try, they did, and got away with. They proved again that "the female is not only only the deadlier of the sexes, but also the livelier."

At the beginning of the war neither side had a secret service; the nation had never known one. As a result the agents were mostly civilians and resourceful amateurs. As the war grew more bitter, one by one, the male operatives were hanged; but not the ladies. They received threats, or perhaps a prison term, but no gentlemen could order a lady shot or swung from the gallows.

The Army Field Band has traveled more than 300,000 miles during the past eight years.



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Santa Claus Visits Town of Eagle Point

By Mrs. Ada Bonebrake
(Too Late for Last Week)

EAGLE POINT—Monday evening was the annual Community Christmas program at the Teen-Age club. There was a short talent program preceeding the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed candy to everyone present.

It is good to see many of the college students home for Christmas. Some of these are: Lewis Tyner, Kay Dunford and Max McKinney.

The combined grade and high schools of Eagle Point presented their Christmas program Wednesday evening. If nothing prevents, Santa will call again for the last time before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lowry and son and daughter of Bremerton, Wash., have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bonebrake this week.

Milestone Reports For Duty in Virginia

Norfolk, Va. (Special to the American) Richard Milestone Jr., chief hospital corpsman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milestone of Route 1, Central Point, and husband of the former Miss Mary L. Preston of Medford, has reported for duty at the U. S. Naval Air Station here.

A veteran of 13 years Navy service, Milestone reported aboard from the U. S. Navy hospital in Oakland, Calif.

He attended Medford High school.

Bohnert Farm Scene Of Beef Program

The farms of John Bohnert, Central Point, and Don Nichols, Ashland, were the sites for discussion of the Purebred Beef Herd Improvement program yesterday.

The program held at the two farms included grading cattle, discussion of weight records and use of the profilometer.

Harris Serves Aboard Landing Ship Dock

Fleet Home Town Center (Special to American) Allen F. Harris, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. Dorothy L. Johnson of Route 1, Central Point, is serving aboard the landing ship dock, USS Ashland, with the U. S. Sixth Fleet.

The Ashland, with a portion of Second Battalion (Reinf) Second Marines embarked, participated in an amphibious landing at Porto Scudo, Sardinia. This was the second field training exercise ashore for the embarked ground troops.

The ship is a floating dry dock which can transport tanks, amphibious vehicles, landing craft and troops to the assault area in a manner that permits landing the through the surf onto an open beach.

She has visited Lisbon, Portugal; Oran, Algeria; La Spezia, Italy, and Golfe Juan on the French Riviera.

Coyotes Reported Brave and Bold In Willow Springs

By Mrs. Everett Young
WILLOW SPRINGS—Coyotes are getting quite brave in the Willow Springs district. One old fellow is seen almost every morning. Many of the local men have been taking shots at him, but he must have a charmed life since no hits have been registered to date. Everett Young caught one coyote in a trap Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ward spent Christmas day at home with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elgin of Medford and Mrs. Ruby Edwards of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, as dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Young and Mrs. Adina Benson reported a



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New Year



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wonderful Christmas in San Francisco. They said the weather was nice and the city just beautiful at Christmas time.

Mrs. Marie Hogle had weekend guests from Medford during Christmas week.

Bernard Parent traveled to McCall, Idaho, to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weiss, Mrs. Alan Waterston and Mrs. Bernard Parent had Christmas dinner in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis had as Christmas guests their son and daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Howard Barnett was home for Christmas from Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogden are driving a beautiful new car. It must have been a Christmas present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Saltgaver and Vidal, Mrs. Olive Blackford and Riley Potter were dinner guests at the John Blackfords for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Young and children and Marion Young spent Christmas day in Jacksonville at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Morgan. There were 19 there Christmas day.

Ms. Anna Wolff is visiting in Grants Pass with some of her children during the holidays.

FROM ASTORIA

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Baker of Astoria are spending a week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oba Logan.

Rural Fire Pickup Delivered on Tuesday

A 1955 Ford 1/2-ton pickup for Central Point Rural Fire Protection District was delivered to Central Point Tuesday evening.

The new truck was driven from San Francisco by Chief and Mrs. Richard Krupp. They traveled to San Francisco by bus Sunday evening.

The new vehicle, which is the fifth unit for the rural department, will be equipped for fire fighting. It will be used, also, for transportation of department members.

MATRON HONORED

Mary V. Note of Medford, worthy matron of Nevita chapter 93, OES, of Central Point, was honored at a birthday luncheon Monday, December 20, at the Elks Temple in Medford. The luncheon was given by officers of the chapter and by the courtesy girls.

TO SHRINE GAME

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Faber left Tuesday morning for Santa Francisco where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Quales. They will attend the East-West Shrine football game.

VISIT FOR DAY

Mrs. O. T. Wilson, Mrs. Francis Thom and daughter, Helen, spent Wednesday with Mrs. L. A. Duesenberry at Trail.



New Year
GREETINGS

As we pause for a moment to look backward over the path we have just followed, there is a warm pleasure in the memory of the favors you have shown us... and in all sincerity we say, "Thank you very much."

THE BURGER-INN

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THANK YOU

As we humbly pause to express our innermost thoughts to our customers and friends, we are mindful of the many blessings that have been ours to enjoy. With true appreciation for all past favors, we say "Thanks to everyone."



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