



## This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWNS)—Political "experts" who believe that the charge of pre-war isolationism would be a death-blow to any candidate for political office, are still puzzling over the success of isolationist candidates, such as Hamilton Fish of New York and John M. Voys of Ohio, in the recent primary elections.

Explanations have been running, thick and fast, but there is no doubt that the anti-New Dealers are elated by these victories and the New Dealers are plainly worried.

The anti-New Dealers are pleased because they see these results as clear evidence that the voters, in spite of their support of the war programs, are not going to vote according to advice from Washington.

The New Dealers, on the other hand, are disturbed on two counts: (1) that they may not get the majority they anticipated in the coming election, and (2) that the support of pre-war isolationists indicates that a lot of people are not yet properly aroused about the war program.

Pre-war isolationism, which was expected to be one of the chief battling points in the election, is now likely to be side-tracked for the more timely subject of the way present congressmen voted on recent war measures.

There is little doubt that there will be considerable reshuffling of seats in congress in November and the congressmen, now on unofficial recess, are busily engaged in their home districts in checking up on local sentiment.

Congress still continues to hold sessions in spite of the fact that the great majority of members are away, and the house even voted on a controversial measure recently with perhaps the smallest group present which has ever voted on any measure. The vote was on a bill to give immediate financial aid to the dependents of men in the armed forces instead of waiting until November, as provided by the present law. Only 28 of the 430 members of the house were present and they voted unanimously and sent the measure to the senate.

A major shake-up in the press section of government departments has now been started, following an order issued several weeks ago by Elmer Davis, new head of the Office of War Information, that all unnecessary public relations work should be discontinued. The first department to act was the war department, which has one of the most unwieldy press setups of all. Following an order by Secretary of War Stimson, 75 per cent of the approximately 100 war department press sections are being eliminated.

Although the secretary did not admit it, it is generally believed that the plan to reorganize the press section of the army was rushed through following the "hoax" story, officially released by an army department, about markers in fields and woods prepared to aid enemy aviators in reaching war factories. Investigation showed these markers were found last spring, had been investigated and found to have nothing to do with enemy plans. Before the truth was discovered however, pictures and a story release by one of the army offices was carried in newspapers throughout the country. Immediately the newspapers asked that action be taken to prevent the release of anything but truthful and reliable information by the army. The newspapers have had a very difficult time getting news from the army, which they are willing to accept as war-time necessity, but this fact made them doubly annoyed when they found that the first "good story" released in some time was a hoax.

Increased pressure for a high sales tax, are the easiest means of raising the billions in taxes desired by Secretary Morgenthau, is being brought on the senate finance committee. A spokesman for the United States Chamber of Commerce recommended a 10 per cent sales tax and he was followed by J. Cheever Cowdin, chairman of the finance committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, who recommended an 8 per cent sales tax as a means of collecting \$4,800,000,000 in taxes.

The committee is known to be giving the subject of a sales tax serious consideration and is also considering reducing the personal income tax exemptions to a figure lower than those approved by the house. But it is still the general opinion here that in spite of all of the means of increasing taxation which are being considered, the senate committee is not apt to recommend new taxes above those approved by the house until after the election. The tax bill is due to go to the senate early in September.

## Soldier Increase Raises Problem Of Entertainment

### Increasing Numbers Seek Divertisement Offered in Ashland

Approximately 60 volunteer workers assembled at the USO center Wednesday evening for the regular business meeting.

New committees were named including one headed by Mrs. C. H. Putney to devise ways and means of entertainment for young married soldiers. Another need is apparent and that is for rooms for any of the soldiers who have a week-end pass and desire to stay in Ashland Saturday nights.

As there are so many more soldiers than Junior Hostesses the Senior Hostesses are asked to invite their husbands to report for tennis, badminton or horse shoe games, if interested. More and more soldier boys are flocking to the Ashland USO center and many faces are becoming familiar and gradually the Senior Hostesses are beginning to tick the right name on to the right boy.

Friday night has been designated as canteen night. Mrs. C. A. Haines and Mrs. C. W. Fortmiller are in charge of the canteen committee and have announced interesting plans for Friday night affairs. A pot luck dinner is planned for this week with a waffle supper scheduled for next Friday and a chili bean feed the following Friday night.

Wednesday night, Sept 9, has been designated for the next regular meeting of the volunteer workers. Now that the formalities of organization are getting into high gear the women voted to hold just one general business meeting each month. Sometimes a representative of the military will be available for a short talk preceding the business session. At the meeting last week Chaplain Edward Rein talked to the women on morale. His talk was not only enjoyed it was highly enlightening. More contacts between the military personnel and volunteer workers is felt to be imperative. These meetings will be valued throughout the coming months.

## Lions to Provide Party Food Sunday

Sunday evening will mark the close of the outdoor parties given for the soldiers in Ashland at which time the Ashland Lions club will play host to the men from Camp White and their Junior Hostess league.

Preparations for the Lions part in the program were made at the regular meeting Tuesday evening when President Harold Merrill named Cay Huffman food committee chairman, assisted by Clint Baughman and Ray Ramsey. Plans were set in motion to give the picnicers plenty of good things to eat, the menu including some features not heretofore served. The Lions will be assisted in the serving by the outdoor refreshment committee of the senior hostess group, Mrs. Paul Fennell, chairman.

Attention was called to violations of the bicycle ordinance. It was stated that cyclists are making common use of sidewalks, contrary to the provisions of the ordinance. The traffic committee was instructed to take the matter up with the proper authorities, tendering the services of the club in any way they may be acceptable.

## ATTEND WEDDING IN SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eberhart, of Eugene, parents of SOCE's genial athletic director, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eberhart of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Jean F. Eberhart of Ashland left here last Thursday for San Francisco where they attended the wedding of Jean and Bill's sister Mary Ellen Eberhart to Ensign Morris Henderson of San Jose. The bride is a former teacher in the Medford system. The party returned north Sunday.

Mrs. Jean Eberhart's mother, Mrs. H. F. Brogden of Eugene, came here to keep the children.

## CALLED TO IDAHO

C. R. Ramsey left Wednesday afternoon for eastern Idaho in response to a telegram that his father was critically ill and not expected to live more than a few hours. Accompanied by Mrs. Ramsey as far as Klamath Falls, Mr. Ramsey picked up his brother and a nephew there who went with him. Slade Songer is in charge of the jewelry store in Ramsey's absence.

## HOLDING SPECIAL SALE

J. G. Mackie is announcing the opening of a sale which will continue from Sept. 1 to Oct. 10. Special coupon books will be sold which will mean savings to purchasers who use them. Goods sold under this system are the meritorious Western Auto Supply brands of which Mackie is the authorized distributor.

## ON THE NEWS FRONT

# Significant Changes Observed In Spending by Rural Families

Rural families have made significant changes in their spending for living since 1935-36, the department of agriculture has announced in reporting a Bureau of Home Economics survey that described the situation in 1941 and the first quarter of 1942.

In 1941 farm families put more than twice as much into savings as they did in the earlier period. The outlays for living were increased by approximately one-third.

Net money incomes of farm families averaged 46 per cent higher in 1941 than in 1935-36. Increased agricultural production and rises in prices paid to farmers for their output moved many farm families from lower to higher income classes and made possible higher total expenditures.

Farm families with money incomes between \$500 and \$1,000—the model group in 1941—used about 7 per cent of their income for furnishings and 166 per cent for clothing in 1941 as compared with 5 and 12 per cent, respectively in 1935-36. On the other hand families in this income class spent less for automobile purchases and operation—11 per cent in 1941 as compared with 13 per cent in 1935-36.

Despite the increases of recent years, total net incomes of rural

families (including single persons) in 1941 and the early months of 1942 were much below those recently reported for urban groups by the U. S. bureau of labor statistics. Although national income from agriculture was approaching a record level in 1941, more than a third of the farm families and almost a quarter of the rural non-farm families had net money incomes from all sources amounting to less than \$500 in that year. Even after adding in the value of food, housing, fuel and other items obtained without direct money payment, nearly 40 per cent of the rural families had total net incomes of less than \$1,000. Only 20 per cent of city groups had incomes equally low.

Both in average amount of income and in distribution of families by size of income, rural non-farm families as a group are more like farm than urban groups. In 1941, the average incomes (money and nonmoney) amounted to \$1,539 for rural nonfarm families, \$1,664 for farm and \$2,347 for urban. Of these amounts, \$228, \$511 and \$519, respectively represented the value of noncash income such as that represented by food and received as gift or pay and the other goods produced at home or value of occupancy of the farm house or of the owned nonfarm home.

## Soldiers Enjoy Hospitable Spirit Of USO Center

Soldier entertainment in Ashland is going over in a big way now that USO has completed its organization here. Boys from Camp White are finding a home-like atmosphere at the Civic Club house, USO headquarters, where the ladies of the community are doing their stint in a hospitable manner.

During the past week appointment of the following committee chairmen and committee members was announced by Mrs. Will Dodge, council chairman:

Information desk, Mrs. C. C. Dunham; senior hostess, Mrs. R. D. McCulloch; library, Mrs. E. J. Farlow; office administration, Miss Fay Harkins; art, Miss Marlon Ady and Mrs. Marguerite Mills; publicity, Mrs. Elmer Biegel and Mrs. John Daugherty; house committee, Mrs. E. E. Stearns and Mrs. O. G. Crawford; canteen, Mrs. Charles Haines and Mrs. Charles Fortmiller; programs, Mrs. Hal McNair; recreation, Mrs. H. B. Bentley; music, Mrs. Cay Huffman; drama, Mrs. T. J. Norby; home hospitality, Mrs. Will Dodge and Mrs. F. F. Whittle; flowers and grounds, Mrs. W. D. Jackson; soldiers service, Mrs. Gladys Doooms; outdoor refreshments, Mrs. Paul Fennell; junior hostess, Miss Virginia Hales and Mrs. Frances White; council secretary, Mrs. Horace Badger.

An executive council made up of soldiers and junior hostesses includes the names of Corp. James Blackburn, Corp. Fred R. Long, Pvt. Lynn Chaptin, Margarette Barnhouse and Barbara Cary.

**Dance Saturday Night**  
Week-end activities opened with a dance Saturday night attended by over 50 service men. Senior hostesses for the evening were Mesdames McCulloch, Stearns, Haines. Junior hostesses were Barbara Carey, entertainment, and Janet Fullerton, refreshments.

A pleasant half-hour was spent around the piano when Cay Huffman led the soldiers and girls in old-time songs. A lucky number dance climaxed the evening's activities.

Another informal dance for 50 soldiers and their officers was in progress Wednesday evening at the USO center from 7:30 until the trucks picked up the boys at 10:30.

Many contributions of home made cookies have been brought in which disappeared rapidly. The soldiers expressed appreciation by saying "These taste like the kind of cookies my mother makes."

Sunday's outing opened with a two-hour Round Robin of games. Soldiers were given score cards and assigned to one of four games—darts, horse shoes, badminton or croquet. Scorekeepers for these games were Jane Carlton, Margarette Barnhouse, Barbara Cary and Janet Fullerton.

**Boys Sent Telegrams**  
Pvt. Abshire and Pvt. Alter tied for high score, both winning a prize telegram to be sent to mother or sweetheart. The following message was sent by one of the boys:

"Arrived Ashland picnic with Womens' Garden club. Everything beautiful including ladies. Played games and danced. Drank Lithia water still O. K. Saw Lithia park

## FORUM LUNCHEON

Forum luncheons of the Ashland chamber of commerce will be resumed in September with the first one to be held next Wednesday noon at the Plaza cafe. Reservations will not be necessary, it is stated, but the chamber of commerce office would like to be informed relative to attendance.

Program Chairman Dr. Walter Redford has invited Mrs. Helen Small, director of USO activities here, to discuss that organization, its objectives and plans for the future in Ashland.

won this telegram 1st prize everyone is wonderful here."

Many of the soldiers who did not participate in the games used the club house to write letters or read the Sunday papers.

Senior chairman for the games was Mrs. Hubert Bentley assisted by Fay Harkins and Mrs. E. J. Farlow.

After cooling off on the grass under the trees the young people gathered at the picnic grounds as guests of the Garden club. Mrs. W. D. Jackson was chairman of the day. A delicious picnic was served to the soldiers. Officers present included Lt. and Mrs. Plowden, Chaplain and Mrs. Stevenson, Chaplain and Mrs. Watson, and Capt. and Mrs. Blanchard.

Later outdoor dancing was enjoyed at Twin Plunges. Hostesses in charge were Mesdames McCulloch, McNair, Dean and Poston and U. S. O. Director Helen Small. A happy group of soldiers departed in army trucks for Camp White at 9:30.

Friday night a soldiers' pot luck supper party will be held on the lawn outside the U. S. O. center. Mesdames C. A. Haines and C. W. Fortmiller will be chairman and co-chairman.

## GOES TO SHIPYARDS

W. A. Snider has been called into defense work and left at 6 a. m. Tuesday for Portland, going via Crater Lake and the Williamette Pass highway. Mrs. Snider will remain here for the present to assist in management of the Snider Coffee company which she and Mr. Snider founded five years ago and which has grown to extensive proportions. Mr. Snider's brother, Robert Snider has taken over the order and delivery end of the business. "Bill" Snider, charter member of Ashland Lion's club, is credited with having nothing on a business trip to Portland, its organization. He has been an active member and recently completed a year as president of the club.

## NEW VICAR ARRIVES

Rev. A. H. McDonnell arrived in Ashland at noon today from Tonopah, Nev., where he has been located the past five years. He has accepted the pastorate of Trinity Episcopal church and will be in charge of the services there Sunday. He is temporarily quartered at Hotel Ashland awaiting completion of renovation of the vicarage at which time he expects to occupy it. Although having just arrived here, he stated he believed he will like Ashland and southern Oregon, the atmosphere having a different feel to that of Tonopah with its 6,000-foot elevation.

## SPENT WEEK-END HERE

Frank King, defense work student at the University of Oregon, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Ruth King, and his sister, Miss Ninon King.

## Scrap Harvest to Start Sept. 7

A statewide "scrap harvest", designed to produce Oregon's share of the scrap metals needed to keep America's war industries rolling, is scheduled to start September 7, Robert B. Taylor, chairman of the state USDA war board, announced this week.

Although 70,000 tons of scrap iron have moved from Oregon since Pearl Harbor, war board surveys show that at least that much more remains on farms, Taylor said. Much of the remaining scrap is largely in remote places and will be more difficult to get.

Every farmer will be contacted during the coming drive, which will be jointly directed by farm implement dealers, county USDA war boards, and county salvage committees.

The program will be inaugurated in each county by the chairman of the county war board, the chairman of the salvage committee and the county agent. A meeting will be held in each instance to be attended by members of the war board and representatives of the county and state salvage committees, who will make final detailed plans suited to each county situation.

## Transit Company Extends Schedule

A. L. Schneider, manager of the Rogue Valley Transit company, this week announced an extension of the bus line's service between Ashland and Camp White which will permit greater use of its facilities by those using public utility transportation.

A new schedule has been arranged whereby buses leave Ashland at 5:45 a. m., 6:30 a. m., 7 a. m., and 7:0 a. m. Returning the buses leave Camp White at 4:30 p. m. 5 p. m., 5:15 p. m. and 6:15 p. m. The same buses leave Medford 20 minutes later or on the following schedules: 4:50 p. m., 5:20 p. m., 5:35 p. m. and 6:35 p. m.

More and more people are taking advantage of the local bus service as the schedules permit workers going from Ashland to Medford to get in full shifts in the pear industry and other employment.

## GUIDE TO RESUME MEETINGS SEPT. 3

The guild of Trinity Episcopal church will resume regular meetings with the first business session to be held Sept. 3, according to Mrs. O. G. Crawford, president. Active work of the guild was recently resumed when decision was made to hold a rummage sale on Aug. 29, preparations for which are now under way at the Swedenburg building.

During the week the vicarage has undergone redecorating including painting and papering the interior.

## RETURN FROM TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Smith and Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Margaret E. Hall, have returned from an auto trip which carried them through several western states and up the Oregon coast to Portland. The tour was a combined wedding and vacation trip. Mrs. Smith is the former Mrs. Helen Fisher, operator of the Beauty Nook at 161 Harrison street. Mr. Smith is an employee of the telephone company at Medford. They were married at Reno, Aug. 3, and spent some time at Lake Tahoe, going from there to San Francisco, thence up the coast. Mrs. Hall, past 90 years of age, withstood the trip nicely and enjoyed all of it.

## LEAVES HOSPITAL

Miss Florence Lusted who submitted to an appendectomy at the Community hospital Aug. 16, was released Tuesday. Miss Lusted is art instructor in a southern California school and with her mother and sister came to Ashland for a vacation. She taught in several Oregon schools prior to going to California, teaching first at Heppner and later at Pendleton for several years.

## VACATION CUT SHORT

Willard Eberhart, member of the United Press staff with headquarters at Seattle, came to Ashland last week to visit his brother, Jean F. Eberhart and family. His visit was cut short with receipt of word from the office that five of the staff members had entered the service and he returned to his desk at once.

## HOME FOR WEEK-END

Lt. Elliott Mac Cracken drove down from Corvallis Friday night and had Saturday and part of Sunday at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Mac Cracken. He stated that he will have about four more weeks at Oregon State college before being transferred to some other point for advanced training.

There are no idle rich; they are dodging people who want their money.

## Mr. John Citizen's Part in Warfare Cited By Speaker

### Lt. Runyon Explains Position of Civilians At Observers' Picnic

This is everybody's war, according to Lt. Runyon, in charge of the Roseburg filter center, who spoke to a fair sized crowd assembled at the Root picnic ground in Lithia park last night for the first annual picnic of observers in the Ashland area.

Lt. Runyon not only pointed to the necessity of everybody realizing his responsibility in the war. He called attention to the urgency for doing something about it, stating that plans are under way calling for full cooperation by all citizens. Phases of these plans were explained, which from a military viewpoint are best not discussed by the press, but Runyon made it clear that the old attitude of "let George do it" is a thing of the past and that from here on out every person able to do his part will be expected to do so.

Referring to the value of the observation post service conducted for the most part by civilians, yet under the direct supervision of the army, Runyon cited an instance occurring in southern Oregon some months ago. An army Flying Fortress got off its course and was lost in the mountain wilds of this region. It was spotted by a civilian observer who in turn notified the district air command. The command immediately got in touch with the Fortress and it was brought safely into port. If you have read what a Flying Fortress costs, the amount required to train its pilot and other members of the crew, it will be easy to understand what this lonely observer saved his Uncle Sam by his timely action. This was but one of several points advanced in the talk, all of which sum up the value of the civilian army's part in the great world conflict.

The army will avoid pay for observation work wherever possible. In some instances it is necessary to pay for this service, such as in out-of-the-way places not accessible to roads or too far removed from settlements to permit frequent change of personnel. In such cases observers are hired and usually are on constant duty. Plans are about completed for transporting observers to distant posts. This probably will be the case with the Bellview and Dead Indian posts where observers are recruited from among town people to fill schedules.

Herb Moore was master of ceremonies at last night's picnic.

## Schedule Posted for Information Desk at USO for September

Schedule of information desk hostesses for service at the USO center in Ashland has been completed, according to announcement made today by Mrs. C. C. Dunham, chairman, who states that if for any reason an appointee is unable to serve at the time given in the schedule, satisfactory arrangements may be made. Mrs. Dunham's telephone number is 3321 and she has asked that those desiring changes communicate with her through this medium.

Following is the schedule for the month of September:

**MONDAYS:**  
2-5 p. m., Mrs. Gladys Doooms; 5-8, Mrs. Howard Mayberry; 8-11, Mrs. Verne Cary.

**TUESDAYS:**  
2-5, Mrs. J. P. Daugherty; Mrs. John Broady; Mrs. Daugherty; Mrs. Broady; Mrs. Broady; 5-8 p. m., Mrs. G. B. Hull; 8-11, Mrs. Don Hinthone.

**WEDNESDAYS:**  
2-5, Mrs. Celia Berninghausen; 5-8, Miss Alta Norcross, Miss Jeannette Smith, Miss Smith, Mrs. G. E. Hedberg and Mrs. Hedberg; 8-11, Mrs. Horace Badger.

**THURSDAYS:**  
2-5, Mrs. E. B. Kroeger; 5-8, Mrs. Pearl Hatfield; 8-11, Mrs. Wilbur Bushnell.

**FRIDAYS:**  
2-5, Mrs. G. A. Briscoe; 5-8, Mrs. E. E. Stearns; 8-11 Mrs. J. F. Eberhart.

**SATURDAYS:**  
2-5, Miss Ethel Mae Robinett; 5-8, Mrs. L. G. Sharyon; 8-11, Mrs. Margaret Rush.

**SUNDAYS:**  
2-5, Miss Florence Allen; 5-8, Mrs. Herman Mayberry, Mrs. Sid Reed, Mrs. Mayberry, Mrs. Reed; 8-11, Mrs. Maxine Miller.

**RETURNS FROM SOUTH**  
Mrs. Earl Leever returned Tuesday night from Carmel and Fort Ord where she spent some time with her son, Lt. Bill Leever. She was accompanied by her younger son Richard who thoroughly enjoyed looking in on his brother's present mode of living and is pretty well up on guns and motors and insignia.