



ASHLAND U. S. O. THE FRIENDLY CLUB NEWS NOTES

Soldiers wives make friends at the Ashland U.S.O. "Get-Acquainted Tea Party" held Thursday afternoon, November 12, from three to five p.m. The Junior Civic Club members, who have on several other occasions welcomed the wives of the military, planned Thursday's tea, providing delicious ice box cookies, brownies and attractive tea table. Mrs. E. Witham, President of the Club, assisted by Mesdames Pickell, Hull, Farrell and Woods, welcomed the young wives who hail from California, Texas, Tennessee, New Hampshire, New Jersey and New York, inviting them to attend the next meeting of the Junior Civic Club November 18th which will be a hot dish luncheon meeting.

Mrs. Will Dodge, Chairman of the U.S.O. Council, told the group that the USO was here to serve the Service man's wife as well as the soldier, inviting the young women to join in the social activities, form their own groups or become active USO volunteers. "Ashland is a friendly town," said Mrs. Dodge. "We want you to take advantage of our town's facilities and make yourselves at home in every way possible." She then pointed out the various projects available, such as the Jackson County Health Clinic which meets every third Thursday at the USO, The Red Cross Classes and urged the wives to join the various church and fraternal groups.

The Home Extension Unit, which meets on December 10th at the home of Mrs. Harker, 117 Almond street, offers another opportunity for the newcomers to make friends. "Bring along a hot dish or a salad," said Mrs. Harker. "Marion Farrell, Home Demonstration Agent is scheduled to speak and we would like a big attendance."

The problem of caring for the babies and young children was solved through the arrival of Miss Jeanette Smith, of the S.O.C.E., who told the group about her plans for the establishment of a nursery school in Ashland. In order to meet the immediate problem, Miss Smith suggested that on Tuesday afternoons, which is the day chosen for the soldiers wives to meet, students especially interested in the field of Nursery School Education, be assigned at the USO to assist with this problem.

A Pot Luck Luncheon was decided upon for next Tuesday's meeting and any other soldier's wife in the community is urged to join the group on November 17th at 12 o'clock.

Several of the wives signified a desire to join the Civic Club, two signed up as volunteer typists, one is looking for a job, others were interested in joining fraternal organizations and one is already a member of the Victory Cookie Club, which bakes cookies for the service men on Tuesday afternoons. These young wives, representing all sections of America, are going to be a definite asset to the Ashland USO. Mrs. Rath, manager of the Mountain View Motel, who attended with two young officers wives, urged the young women to participate in the USO program, saying, "There's nothing like work to keep one from being lonesome".

Many willing "givers" are always appearing at the USO Center, not only individuals but organizations as well. The Women's Society of Christian Service made USO dish towels, Eastern Star contributed for Juke Box Records, while the Lady Elks brought in 111 coat hangers to go to Camp White and the Trinity Guild Ladies sent large amounts of homemade cookies the first Saturday in November.

Among the weekend's accomplishments which USO Volunteers should be proud of were: The re-organization of our kitchen by our House committee chairman, Mrs. Norma Stearns and Mrs. C. H. Putney, which was a big day's work and in the midst of it they took time out to help prepare breakfast for a sailor enroute to Vallejo, Cal.

On Sunday a young soldier's wife and baby found a friendly home through a human interest

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Anniversary Play Scheduled For November 24

Miss Ann Munkers, director of dramatics at Ashland High School, has chosen, "A Ready Made Family", as the Annual Anniversary Play to be presented at the Junior High gym November 24 at 8:00 P.M.

The following people have been chosen for parts:

Agnes Martyn—Marilee Erwin. Bob Martyn—Lee Collingsworth. Marilee Martyn—Jean Angell. Gracie Martyn—Jerelean Conner.

Miss Lydia—Verna Petersen. Henry Turner—Haralee Wilson. Doria Turner—Pat Rowe. Sammie Turner—Walter Graham.

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Agnes Martyn and Henry Turner want to get married but complications arise when her children and his children disagree.

Members of the staff are: Student Assistant—Bill Kaegi. Stage manager—Phil Wolcott; Assistants—Lowell Hall, Gene Bishop, Edwin Berninghausen. Business Manager—Carolyn Rose.

Advertising—Jim Bartlett. Advertising—Jim Bartlett; Assistants—Henry Bussey, Thomas George, Lyda Davis, and Betty Whittle.

Costumes—Delores Erwin, Rose Mary Messenger, Marjorie Lutz, Rose Emma Kerrigan, and Betty Golden.

Properties—Sue Parkinson and Jack Pierson.

Art—Vyvyan Freeman. Make-up—June Anderson, Roberta Faes, and Betty DeLisle.

Programs—Erleene Norberg, Alta Brown, and Easie Dunn. Ushers—Donna J. Clark, Betty J. Anderson.

The cast is very much interested in the play and are working exceptionally hard.

They are looking forward to going to Camp White this Saturday evening to present the play.

They are presenting it "blue room" style.

Housewives Asked to Increase Domestic Tree Nut Consumption

PORTLAND, Nov. 18—Oregon filberts and walnuts will be featured by food retailers from November 16 to 28 during the Victory Food Special drive to increase consumption of domestic tree nuts, according to Ray Schwartz, state supervisor in Oregon for the Distribution Division of the Agricultural Marketing Administration.

According to Schwartz, tree nuts will be in abundant supply on the nation's food markets this month, because export markets are practically closed as a result of the war.

Oregon homemakers who do their part in this Victory Food Special by including nuts as a basic part of their menus, will be making more effective use of our total wartime food supply, Schwartz stated.

Nationally, the near record supply of four principal varieties, walnuts, almonds, filberts and pecans, will be equal to 300 million pounds of unshelled nuts. Three Pacific Coast states of Oregon, Washington and California will produce 184 million pounds of this season's total commercial supply.

Filbert production in the Pacific Northwest this year is estimated at over 10 million pounds, compared with the ten-year average (1930-1939) of over 3 million pounds. Total walnut production in the Northwest will approximate 8 million pounds compared to the ten-year average of over 6 million pounds.

Cooperation of food merchants with producer groups and the AMA in this Victory Food Special is designed to call consumers' attention to the need for consuming more of this abundant supply of tree nuts, one of nature's most concentrated foods, so that less abundant foods will be conserved.

The two largest taxpayers made their payments to the tax collection department of Sheriff Brown's office last week. The California Oregon Power company paid \$136,474.44 and the Southern Pacific company, \$68,459.87.

First Dance of Year Held at S.O.C.E. Nov. 7

S.O.C.E., Ashland, Nov. 11—The first dance of the year, sponsored by the associated students of the Southern Oregon College of Education, was held Saturday evening, November 7. The dance was conducted in typical Sadie Hawkins style. A trail of straw up the stairway prepared for the decorations of corn stocks and bales of straw which entirely surrounded the auditorium.

The dance was planned by the council of the associated student body and the chairman of the dance committee was Weldon Heard of Ashland. Gloria Raniele of Langlois, who is student pep promoter served as master of ceremonies. Dick Berninghausen of Ashland was in charge of phonograph music.

About forty couples danced from 9:00 until 12:00 and enjoyed refreshments of apples, cider, and doughnuts. Several feature dances highlighted the evening's entertainment.

U. S. Army Ready To Enlist 18-19 year old Boys

When a top sergeant, in a voice unbecoming even to Tarzan, splits the early morning quiet with the order, "tenshun," that is nothing to write home about. BUT, when the United States army throws open its doors says to the 18 and 19 year old men of America, "Come on boys, get in the fight, and pick the branch in which you want to serve," that is worth writing home about, "pounding home" if you will.

This new war department policy of opening wide the 13 branches of the army to 18 and 19 year men offers opportunity aplenty. Advancement, action, adventure, and valuable training are but a few of the advantages in this program of "choice." Other than the age requirement, applicants need only have their parents consent and be mentally and physically qualified.

The army's call to "select your branch" means that the air force, armored force, cavalry, chemical warfare service, coast artillery, corps of engineers, corps of military police, field artillery, infantry, medical department, ordnance department, quartermaster corps, and signal corps are open for selection.

All men eligible under this plan are urged to contact their nearest army recruiting office or write to 323 Main Post Office Building, Portland, Oregon, for complete information.

Mrs. West Passes

Mrs. Frankie Laura West, 65, died at her home on Beach avenue Sunday. She was a native of California. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago. Surviving is a daughter Myra West, Redding, Calif., two sisters, Mrs. Susie Ward, Springfield, Oregon; Henrietta Bailey, McDoel, California; two brothers: John Moore and William Moore, both of Ashland.

Funeral services were held this afternoon, conducted by the Rev. George W. Bruce at the Dodge funeral chapel. Burial was in the Mountain View cemetery.

PLAN SOLDIER CENTER

Grants Pass pastors are planning for a home-like place where service men can rest, read and write letters.

Dried Food Idea Big Aid To Army: Oregon Can Help

Oregon has not yet lived up to its possibilities in taking part in the national program to produce dehydrated foods for wartime use, believes E. H. Weigand, head of the food industries department at Oregon State college. Professor Weigand has just returned from taking part in a second training school for operators of dehydrators, held in Rochester, N. Y., where he was sent by the government.

"The national program calls for an output of 100 million pounds of dehydrated vegetables this season," said Professor Weigand in an interview over KOAC on his return. "Plants for a total output of some 80 million pounds are already in operation or will be completed soon. Oregon, despite the existence of many plans capable of being converted to vegetable dehydration, has only 1 per cent of the plant capacity in operation thus far."

Professor Weigand said that on his return from the east he stopped at the army subsistence laboratory in Chicago, where he sampled a complete meal made from dehydrated foods, starting with tomato juice cocktail made from powdered juice and ending with a dried custard dessert. Every part of this meal was excellent, he said, and reflected the advance that has been made in dehydration methods.

The 80 million pounds of dried food will be enough to provide five million soldiers with two meals a week for a full year. Use of dehydrated foods is considered one of the major steps in the solution of the shipping problem. Oregon State college now has a small experimental dehydration plant in operation and is prepared to give assistance to those who desire to get into this food processing field.

RUSH OF APPLICATIONS

Imminent gasoline rationing has brought a landslide of motor vehicle transactions into the secretary of state's office as Oregon citizens rush to get their automobile ownership records in order. Earl Snell, secretary of state, announced today. Literally thousands of applications for titles, title transfers and registration certificates are flooding the motor vehicle division these days, Snell said.

TO FACE COURT

Kermit Mansfield, charged with a number of alleged burglaries in Ashland, will go on trial next month on the count charging him with breaking and entering the home of Mrs. W. A. Dunham and assaulting her.

EXAMINER TO BE HERE MON.

A Traveling Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Ashland, Monday, November 23 and will be on duty at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to a recent announcement release from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Camp White Soldier Knifes His Buddy

As the aftermath of a scrap in the rear of the Greyhound Tavern Sunday afternoon, Staff Sergeant Thomas O. Hays of Co. 1 361st Infantry at Camp White, is lying in the camp hospital with a serious knife wound in the abdomen, and Private W. L. Bryson, who inflicted the wound, is lodged in the camp jail.

Bryson was disarmed by Corp. George G. Brown, who says that Bryson threatened him and he knocked him out. Bryson suffered a broken nose.

The police were called to the scene. Bryson and Hays were taken to a drug store for first aid treatment. Sgt. Hays was in a semi-conscious condition. An army ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the camp hospital. Bryson was jailed and later turned over to the military police.

Bryson signed a statement admitting his guilt, even stating that he had been in knife fights before and knew right where to hit or stab a man and his intention was to kill Hays as quickly as possible.

Camp White News Items

CAMP WHITE, Nov. 14—Nobody paid much attention to the little brunette stenographer. She was beautiful, but no more so than any of two dozen other girls in the office at Camp White where she worked. She was efficient but not more so than any of the others.

Very few noticed the silver first lieutenant's bar pinned on her sweater. They made only casual comment on it. She never spoke much, but once she mentioned that her husband was bombardier in service in England. She never revealed anything more.

Twice a month she appeared excited and happy. Someone discovered she received a cable from her husband at that time. Her purse was filled with letters from him, and sometimes, when there was a slack period in the working day, she would read one of them.

When a payroll deduction plan came around, she invested her 10 per cent without demur. She would invest more, she said, but living expenses were very high and her husband had instructed her to put all his salary, which he sent her, into bonds.

"We're going to buy a house in Portland after the war" she said, in one of her infrequent periods of breaking silence.

One day she failed to report for work. Later an acquaintance saw her buying a ticket at the stage station. There was twenty-five cents in change returned from the bill she tendered in payment.

"I am going to San Francisco" she said, in a low voice, "I have a sister there."

She fingered the quarter, her eyes misting only a little.

"I'll get a war stamp with this. It'll buy a couple of bullets—to get the German who brought down my husband."

Come to the Junior High Carnival Friday, Nov. 20, from 7:30 to 10:30 P.M.

Double Funeral Held For Auto Crash Victims

Funeral services for Henry A. Poston, 64, and his daughter, Mrs. Manila Oldaker, 29, who were killed early Friday morning in a automobile accident near Red Bluff, California, were held Wednesday morning at the Litwiler Funeral home, Rev. Earl Downing officiating. Burial was in the hill cemetery, south of Ashland.

Red Bluff police report that the Poston car crashed headon into a freight truck, driven by R. A. Coffield of Sacramento, and was completely demolished. Coffield says he was unable to turn off the road to avoid the collision; that Poston had narrowly missed hitting another truck which was 100 yards ahead of Coffield's.

Poston was a respected resident of the Greenspring district and operated a mill and a ranch. He is survived by his widow Viola Took Poston, and children, Mrs. Wilma Hearn, Portland, and Holis Poston, Ashland.

Mrs. Oldaker's home had been at Klamath Falls. She is survived by her husband, Leo Oldaker, Portland, and baby son Larry.

After all we're never paid what we are worth. The line which charts our worth to our employer should always be above that which charts our salary for the simple reason that recognition of ability comes after it's demonstration.

THIS AND THAT (By Old Timer)

To the Editor: There will be no double observation of Thanksgiving this year. President Roosevelt has set the traditional date, the last Thursday in November, proclaimed by President Lincoln in 1864, as the day for Thanksgiving.

In 1940 and 1941, President Roosevelt advanced the Thanksgiving date one week. About one-third of the states stuck to tradition and the rest went along with the president.

The commercial benefits anticipated from spreading the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, an extra week, failed to develop.

George Washington, the nation's first president, issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation designating Thursday, November 26, 1789 as a day when all people should prostrate themselves before God in humility and prayer.

The Pilgrims set apart a day of special Thanksgiving after their first harvest in 1621. Other early groups observed the custom. Connecticut made it an annual event, starting with 1639.

Back in the days of our forefathers, when Thanksgiving was marked by song and prayer, they did not have electric ranges, air conditioning, electric refrigerators and what not, but they did have a close union with God.

Begins to look as though the Japs have established a secret naval base for their fleet—at the bottom of the ocean.

Bananas have disappeared from many fruit counters, but no one is singing happily about it.

Razor blades restricted—headline. Well, why not grow whiskers Uncle Sam wears 'em.

"Bryson suffered a broken nose and bruised nose". A two-nosed man, so to speak.



NEW YORK—Beating the draft law, which embraces youths of their age class, here is a group of boys all from 18 to 20 years of age, being sworn into the United States Army by Captain Emil Fichter. The scene is Grand Central Palace, now the country's largest induction center. All the boys came armed with parents' consents for the enlistment.