



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

Ashland USO committee chairman and Co-chairmen gave a two-way covered dish luncheon, Thursday noon, at the USO clubhouse, in honor of Mrs. Helen Small and Miss Cora Lane, USO Directors.

Mrs. Small left Ashland, Thursday evening for a month's stay in Hartford, Connecticut.

Miss Lane, Substitute Director during Mrs. Small's absence, comes to Ashland from Duluth, Minnesota. She is an experienced USO worker having served on the USO staff in Tacoma, Washington and has also been connected with the USO in Jay Cooke Park, Minnesota.

Nineteen were present for the luncheon and an interesting discussion followed with each chairman giving reports on her particular area of USO work.

Forty-six Junior and Senior USO Hostesses attended the Formal Dance at Camp White last night. It was a beautiful crisp night for the ride into Camp and the "rain god" answered a number of prayers by checking the downpour which made the formal dresses safe for the trip. This dance was held at Service Club No. 2 where another formal dance is to be given on December 17. Miss Rena Semenza, Senior Hostess in charge, extended a cordial invitation to all hostesses of Ashland, but they must have an admission card to enter Camp White Dances and these cards may be secured at the Ashland USO. Senior Hostesses who accompanied the girls were Mesdames: Norby, White, Addy, Bentley, Lockhart and Misses Nicholson, Gough and King.

Miss Virginia Hales, Dean of Women, SOCE is in charge of the Ashland Junior Hostess Bureau.

THANKSGIVING MOST PROMINENT IN NATIONAL HISTORY

A spirit of thanksgiving is impressively eloquent, not in times of prosperity, but in periods of painful adversity. Following the winter of Valley Forge in 1778, when the army had dwindled to 4000, continental money was worthless, and supplies for soldiers were almost nil, Washington proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving. Significantly, all the war years of the Revolution, 1777 to 1783, were years of special thanksgiving proclamations in the struggling colonies. The first thanksgiving on a national scale was in the year 1789, October 3, when the nation had not as yet fully recovered the shock of war. The Thanksgiving Proclamation, the first of a continuing series unbroken to our time, was given by Lincoln in the midst of the Civil War, 1863. And now, on Thursday next, an unprecedented thanksgiving will come as a special service by radio from the White House for the world to hear—a service of prayer for the nation.

Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Bataan! And Thanksgiving!

May our country never lose the succession—and to realize that the Lord of Hosts will grant victory to marching armies in times of adversity when her citizenry are on their knees!

—Rev. Bertrand Peterson

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Union Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday morning in the First Presbyterian church at 10:30 o'clock a.m. The Rev. B. F. Peterson of the Nazarene church will deliver the sermon speaking on "The Response of a Thankful Spirit."

An anthem, "Song of Thanksgiving" will be presented by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Florence Allen, director; Mrs. J. W. McCoy, organist. A prayer song for men in the services will be sung by the congregation.

A thank offering will be received for the work of the Ashland Ministerial association.

We are Thankful to the Ministers for their literary contribution.

Being Thankful for what you have not, is also often important —Buy War Savings Stamps—

Two Cooks Held In Poison Deaths

Following an investigation in the deaths of 47 patients and serious illness of more than 400 others at the state mental hospital at Salem, where by mistake roach poison was used for egg powder in a scrambled egg dinner, Mrs. Mary O'Hare, chief cook, and A. B. McKillop, assistant cook, face criminal charges.

An information has been made against Mr. McKillop charging involuntary manslaughter. Mrs. O'Hare faces a charge of accessory after the fact, she said that after the patients had become ill she realized that a mistake had been made but was too frightened to tell the hospital authorities.

Two former residents of Ashland, Marion O. Bates and William Moore, are listed among the 47 poison victims.

Mr. McKillop has confessed that he sent George Nosen, of Medford, a patient, to the basement for milk powder. Nosen apparently mistook the poison, a common insecticide, which is similar in appearance to milk powder. When Nosen returned with the powder, McKillop said he dumped it into the mixing bowl containing the egg yolks.

The deadly substance was discovered by an attendant who noticed a "strange taste" and advised the patients in her ward not to eat their dinners.

Simultaneously, in five widely separated wards, patients were stricken with bewildering suddenness.

Dr. John C. Evans, superintendent of the hospital said "Mr. McKillop broke a hospital rule in sending a patient to get the milk but he was busy and I understand that this has happened before with other members of the staff and other patients."

LET US GIVE THANKS

On Thanksgiving day, we have much for which to be thankful, personally as well as nationally. We have called upon GOD for many things in the near past, and we shall need him desperately in days to come. "Let us give Him this day in thanks for His blessings bestowed upon us each, — friends, food, raiment, and the comforts and conveniences of life. Let us thank Him for the steadfastness of our National life in danger and adversity, for the National will to uphold freedom is self control.

"O Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea a joyful and pleasant thing is it to be thankful."

—Rev. A. H. MacDonnell

CHURCH OF CHRIST BIBLE SCHOOL, 9:45 A. M. MORNING SERVICE, 11:00 A. M. Sermon, "The Lordship of Christ-Lord of Our Daily Deeds." CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, 6:30 P. M. with Junior High School and Young Peoples groups. EVENING SERVICE, 7:30 P. M. The High School Girls Skette under the direction of Mrs. Koehler will sing. Sermon, "The Victory That Overcomes The World" GOTTAGE PRAYER MEETING, Wed. 7:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Sarah Haskins.

Some people would like you to believe there is a fuel shortage here in Ashland.

A Happy Thanksgiving Day To You All



WHY GIVE THANKS by J. R. Turnbull FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

An American explorer away in the heart of the Amazon jungle received a radio message bidding him return home. It was a long trek to civilization and the call was urgent. He called a native chief and arranged for carriers. The first two days they made rapid progress under his urging. The third morning the natives hung around camp and made no effort to proceed. When asked why the delay, one replied "White man, we are waiting for our souls to catch up with our bodies. In the rush and pressing demands of war it behooves us to take time out to allow our souls to "catch up with our bodies." Such a time is Thanksgiving.

We give thanks because life, property, money, talents, all we have are come from God and prosper by his blessings. We talk as if we were OWNERS of this great land, when we are really only TENANTS. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Besides he provides the sunshine and the moisture to germinate the seed which He also provides and gives it the power to draw from its environment those enzymes and chromosomes which makes a harvest possible. It is blind and pernicious egotism to think of "self-sufficiency" and speak of "When I have earned, and produced or cultivated." The very strength with which we toil and the very breath we draw are gifts from Him, were one chemical element in the atmosphere to be withdrawn or increased and we would perish in a moment.

We give thanks because we live in a land of superabundance. Our hearts rise with gratitude

for His gift to us as we realize that one-third of India's millions go to bed hungry every night. Many a Chinese mother has filled her stomach with clay in order to give the sense of fullness, that her children might have the few grass-roots to stave off death a little longer. Not until this war is over and it can be told shall we know the awful, fearsome under the iron heel of the Axis oppressors. But with our Thanksgiving we must have a keen sense hunger that plagues the millions of our responsibility to all of these.

We give thanks, too, for those freedoms of which we speak all too often glibly and unthinkingly, for those freedoms are rooted in Christian faith. For example, the first amendment to our constitution, that which guarantees religious freedom, was added because of the representations made by the Baptists of Rhode Island. That is why we, who are called Baptists, are ready to give life if need be for the right of every American, whether Mahomedan, Catholic, Jew, Protestant, or Baptist, to have the right of freedom of worship.

Yes, WE MUST GIVE THANKS FOR WE ARE GRATEFUL TO GOD.

FIREMEN'S DANCE—Ashland fire laddies will hold their annual Thanksgiving dance on Thursday night. It will be an informal affair and will be held in the ball room of the Elk's Temple. If you are a devotee of the light fantastic, a good time assured you.

The county jailer at Sebring, Fla., was pretty embarrassed last week—five women prisoners beat him up with a broom and escaped.

MARINES ON THE PROWL



GUADALCANAL ISLAND—U. S. Marines who had just driven the Japanese from strong positions on the Matanikou River on Guadalcanal are shown marching over what was Jap territory a short time before. Aerial bombs, shells, and finally the boys with the bayonets cleared the Nips from this particular spot.

Drive Begins To Enroll More Women for WAACs

Emphasis was placed on "women in the war" this week as recruiting representatives of the women's army auxiliary corps began an intensive drive to enroll patriotic women from all walks of life in the WAACs for assignment to duties previously performed by men needed now for active service. Colonel J. J. Fulmer, district recruiting officer for Oregon, revealed.

In announcing existing openings in the WAAC, the colonel pointed out that women without technical and vocational skills are being sought as well as those skilled in professions and trades. Primary qualifications for enlistment in the women's army require that applicants be citizens of the United States, between the ages of 21 and 45, of good moral character and physically fit.

Those without skills will be enlisted as "basics" and will be assigned to military tasks which do not require specialized or vocational experience. They will be supervised while performing their assignments and be given every opportunity to prove their capabilities to qualify for specialized training.

Enrollees who exhibit leadership characteristics will be considered for assignments as duty leaders and non-commissioned officers after they have completed their basic training course.

Colonel Fulmer advised all women who are able to meet the primary requirements to visit their nearest army recruiting office or write recruiting headquarters, 323 main post office, Portland, for complete information and application forms.

Shriners to Gather Here November 28

For their fall ceremonial, Nobles of Hillah Temple and other shriners will gather in Ashland on November 28, under the leadership of Illustrious Potentate, George P. Taylor. Special honor will be paid to Nobles of Hillah Temple serving in the armed forces. The program for the ceremonial is as follows:

- 1:30 p.m.—Golf at Ashland Golf Course.
- 2:30 p.m.—Registration of candidates, Lithia Springs hotel.
- 4:00 p.m.—Business session, Masonic Temple.
- 5:00 p.m.—Social hour.
- 6:00 p.m.—Turkey banquet, Masonic Temple.
- 7:30 p.m.—Parade, from Temple to Third and return, Divan, Band Patrol, Drum Corps, Nobility, Candidates.
- 8:00 p.m.—Band concert at the Plaza, Drum and Bugle corps, patrol.
- 8:45 p.m.—Reception of Illustrious Potentate, George P. Taylor, Divan, Past Potentates and visiting dignitaries.
- 9:00 p.m.—Exemplification of the ritualistic work, first and second sections.
- 10:00 p.m.—Second section, Eddie Nunn, ceremonial director, John Ralston, Captain of the wrecking crew.

City Judge Suffers Stroke

M. T. Burns, city judge, is reported to be somewhat improved following a stroke which occurred Friday noon. Mr. Burns became suddenly ill while at lunch. His entire right side was affected by the stroke. His many friends throughout the city are hoping for his speedy recovery.

JAILERS EMBARRASSED

City jailers of Missoula, Mont., are wondering about their cell bars. They locked up a soldier wanted for deserter. Next morning the soldier was missing, two bars had been neatly severed—and a razor blade lay on the floor.

PARADE HAS GOAL

Members of the A. F. of L. meat cutters union in Los Angeles and the San Fernando valley assembled on Labor day and marched, led by a band, to a Red Cross station—to donate 2,000 pints of blood.

LOTS OF TREE

Carl Neal, supervisor of Olympic national forest, Wash., reports he saw in the Quinault river area a felled spruce tree scaling 38,000 board feet of lumber. Neal said it would sell for \$1,200—or a net profit of \$400 on the single tree.

Elks Benefit Huge Success

Approximately four hundred and fifty Elks and their guests crowded the club rooms of the local Elks lodge Saturday night in the annual stag benefit. Much credit is due Sid Reed, local secretary, and the committee in charge for a well planned and executed program.

A hilarious crowd of turkey buyers kept Henry Enders and his assistants running at top speed to provide raffle tickets while those preferring a slower pace found valuable prizes in chickens and potatoes at the Benoit table. Other games and amusements were in progress at all times.

At eleven o'clock the call to "Let's eat" sent everyone to the basement for the crab feed.

Following this was a highly entertaining floor show featuring the Joe Young entertainers from Portland in Oriental and Hawaiian dances, electrical steel guitar music and magician acts. The program concluded with the singing of God Bless America by the entire gathering.

Some indication of the financial success of the evening is shown by the fact that ninety-six turkeys were sold. Those who failed to get one take comfort in the fact that their money goes to provide a happier Christmas for some needy family through the Elks Christmas charity.

LAI D TO REST

Mrs. Barbara Brown, 86, who died at her home on Fifth street last Wednesday afternoon, was laid to rest Saturday afternoon in the Linkville cemetery, Klamath Falls. Deceased was a native of Canada. She had resided in Ashland three years. Surviving are two sisters Mrs. K. E. White-line, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Agnes Nichols, Vancouver B. C. Her passing is mourned by many Ashland friends.

THIS AND THAT (By Old Timer)

To the Editor: The filibuster tactics of Southern Senators over the poll tax bill recalls the acrimonious debate over the Aldrich-Vreeland financial bill in 1908. Senator La Follette, almost single-handed, conducted the longest filibuster on record. He took the floor and held it for 18 hours and 28 minutes. However, he failed to block the passage of the bill.

College football used to end on Thanksgiving when a bunch of pigskin artists were "graduated." Now, since the advent of "howl" contests, the lads can loaf around the institution until the weather gets warm.

The average American's chest measurement has increased, according to a clothing item, Uncle Zeke says that's not news, in view of the magnificent showing our boys have made at the front.

We ought to be glad that we are living in America. According to a recent report upwards of 2,750,000 homes in England and Wales have been damaged by Nazi bombs.

Tires may be gone and gasoline going but the click-clack of Old Dobbin is uncommon on city streets.

Typhus and icicles, as well as Stalin's men, are making the going pretty tough for the Nazis in Russia.

The hashing and re-hashing of war news, via the radio, passes all understanding.

