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ASHLAND U.S.O. NEWS NOTES

Miss Frances E. Dodds, Ashland USO director, visited Camp White this week, and interviewed Public Relations Officer, Lt. Kenneth Lucky, about distribution of the weekly Ashland USO bulletin.

Lt. Lucky recently visited the Ashland center and noting that the center "has a lot to offer soldiers," asked that 500 bulletins be distributed in Camp White instead of the usual 300 weekly.

75 ENJOY SANDWICHES—

Seventy-five visiting soldiers enjoyed sandwiches and coffee in the Ashland USO Center Sunday at the usual buffet supper. The men spread their own sandwiches and carried their own dishes to the kitchen. Junior hostesses were present to help the soldier guests serve the supper.

PICTURES SHOWN—

Featured now on the bulletin board of the Ashland USO center are prints of the pictures taken of USO activities, by Bob Kent. Several orders for reprints have been made.

MONTHLY PLAN COMPLETED

Mrs. Paul Finnell, chairman of Refreshments Committee of the USO, has announced the monthly plan for providing refreshments for USO week ends. The first week was taken care of by the Trinity Guild, which donated homemade cookies. Ladies of the Presbyterian Church provided cookies for the second week; ladies of the Methodist Church the third week. The Hospital Auxiliary Sewing club will meet at the USO and bake doughnuts for the fourth week end. The ladies of the Christian Science Church will provide refreshments for the fifth week end.

Mrs. Finnell asks anyone willing to donate cookies, to call her, telephone 3451.

WIVES CLUB MEETS—

The Service Men's Wives club met Tuesday at 12:30 for a covered dish lunch and social games. Fifteen members were present.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Wesley Cartright, who announced that wives of all officers and enlisted are invited to attend the club meetings each Tuesday at 12:30 sharp, at the USO clubhouse in Lithia Park. Also, women of Ashland are invited to join the group on Thursdays at one-thirty for the physical training of keep-fit hour. This activity is not limited to service men's wives, and others will be welcomed. For this activity slacks should be worn.

EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD

The Ashland Junior Hostess League officers held an executive meeting at a dinner in the Plaza Cafe, Wednesday, January 13. Among the problems considered was the President's Ball, which falls on January 27. It will be a formal affair, and it was decided that a larger hall than that of the USO club house will be needed. Margaretta Barnhouse was put in charge of investigating the possibilities for larger accommodations. An orchestra will be secured for the occasion if at all possible. Marie Pochelu was placed in charge of decorating the hall, the decorations to be in the national colors of red, white and blue.

Methods of contributing to the national fund of returns from the President's Ball will be worked out later.

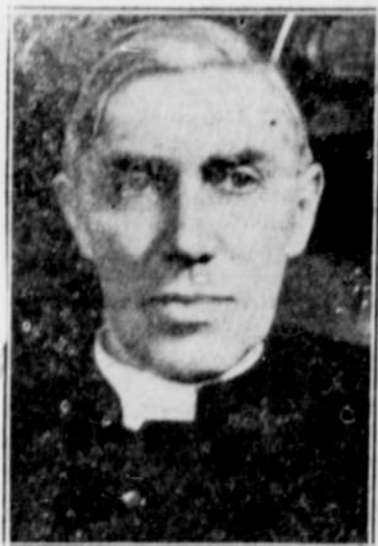
Present at the meeting were Mary Gean Hendricks, President; Marie Pochelu and Madge Mitchell, first and second vice-presidents; Dorothy Burket, secretary; Virginia Hales and Frances White, junior hostess chairmen; Margaretta Barnhouse, and director Frances Dodds.

It was announced that 36 junior hostesses attended the dance at Number one Service Club at

ATTENDS MEETING—

Miss Frances E. Dodds, USO director, attended a meeting of the Coordinating Council in Medford this week. Discussion at the meeting turned on recreation at Camp White and vicinity service clubs, dances and other programs of interest to service men.

A special guest of the meeting was Major Anderson from Fort Lewis, who was one of the speakers. Another speaker was George



New President of Federal Council of Churches, Bishop H. St. George Tucker, head of Episcopal Church, wants united Church action for for victory and just peace.

Annual Press Conference To Open Friday, Jan. 22

U. of O., Eugene, Jan. 20—The 25th annual Oregon Press conference will open on the University of Oregon campus Friday, January 22, with representatives from most of the state's leading papers expected to be on hand for the two day session. Mary Conn Brown, Redmond, is president of the association.

Nearly every discussion by conference representatives will center around some phase of the war as it affects the press in general and Oregon newspapers in particular. Representatives of various war agencies, including the censorship office, office of war information, WPB and OPA, will be on hand to answer questions.

Featured speaker for the meeting will be Wendell Webb, Associated Press correspondent who covered the battle of Midway. Governor Earl Snell and retiring Governor Charles A. Sprague also are expected to appear on the program of the journalistic gathering.

West Point, Annapolis Examinations Feb. 6

Civil Service examinations for the purpose of aiding members of Congress in making designations to the United States Military and Naval Academies have been postponed from January 23rd to February 6th, Congressman Harris Ellsworth states. The change in date is requested by the War Department. More time is required for that Department to determine the number appointments available to members of Congress.

Accordingly, Civil Service examinations will be held February 6th in the post office building in cities in the Oregon Fourth Congressional District listed by the Civil Service Commission, namely: Eugene, Marshfield, Roseburg and Medford.

The exact number of appointments that will be made from the new Fourth District has not yet been determined, Congressman Ellsworth says, but authorization to take the Civil Service examination will be sent anyone eligible if application is made. Such applications should be addressed to Congressman Harris Ellsworth, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., and must be received by him not later than January 20, 1943.

Candidates for admission to the Military Academy must be between the ages of 17 and 22; for the Naval Academy, between the ages of 17 and 21. Candidates for both Academies must never have been married.

Upton, director of the USO YMCA unit at Medford.

The Coordinating Council meets subject to call, on an average of once a month.

Two visitors from the Klamath Commandos stopped recently at the Ashland center, Miss Dorothy Gilchrist and Miss Shirley McMonigal.

Two sailors, Jim Cleveland and Ed Daniels, both first class buglers who are on 15 day leave, stopped at the Ashland USO Thursday and were treated to coffee and cookies. They were on their way back to boat in San Francisco harbor. They have been stationed in Iceland.

Miss Julia Hollick gave twelve jars of fruit juice to the USO recently.

OSC Honors Ace Grad; College Honored Also

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The special "Homecoming" staged here in honor of Captain Marion Carl, marine flying ace with 16 Jap planes to his credit, was made the occasion for an outstanding patriotic demonstration on the part of the entire institution.

The college itself was presented with a distinguished service award by the United States treasury department for services rendered already in the war savings bond and stamp drives. Immediately following the special convocation where this was presented, individual students and student organizations purchased more than \$14,000 in war bonds while Captain and Mrs. Carl assisted at the college victory center.

Captain Carl a '38 graduate in mechanical engineering, urged students to keep their work in good condition here until called and plan to finish their courses in case they are called before graduation. Good head work saves many "necks" in battle, he added.

Farmers Setting High Goals But Need Labor

Oregon farmers generally are planning their 1943 farm operations for an output that will equal or exceed most of the war production goals set for the state this year, R. E. Taylor, chairman of the state USDA war board, reported at the end of the first week of the farm sign-up drive now underway throughout the state.

The farm plans that have been turned in so far indicate that Oregon farmers intend to operate at top capacity to produce a maximum of essential crops. The extent to which these intentions are carried out will depend on the assistance given by city dwellers, women and school children during peak cultivating and harvesting seasons, Taylor believes.

Taylor said that all of the resources of the U. S. department of agriculture, co-ordinated by USDA war boards, will be used to assist farmers get whatever is needed to obtain peak production from every farm. Locating those farms needing assistance is one of the main purposes of the current farm canvass.

120 Million Pounds Metal Collected by Chev. Dealers

DETROIT, Jan. 18—More than 120 million pounds of scrap metals sufficient to build Uncle Sam 20 more submarines, six destroyers and a cruiser—have been collected by the 8,000 Chevrolet dealers in America as a portion of their contribution to the war program.

An activity sponsored by the Victory Service League, patriotic alliance of American motorists supported by Chevrolet dealers, the scrap drive has been a continuing operation, under the general supervision of William E. Holler, Chevrolet general sales manager.

Cumulative totals through November show that the dealers have collected:

98,946,833 lbs. of iron and steel; 1,069,855 lbs. lead; 197,832 lbs. copper, 171,943 lbs. brass; 104,827 lbs. aluminum, and 1,598,668 lbs. of other metals.

In addition, 7,128,923 lbs. of scrap rubber have been amassed by Chevrolet dealers to swell Uncle Sam's diminishing rubber stocks. Other items collected included 923,203 lbs. of paper, 205,978 lbs. of rags, 7,985 lbs. of burlap bags, 3,228 lbs. of rope and 145,054 lbs. of miscellaneous scrap.

In the reporting period, dealers junked 6,269 cars and sold another 6,226 cars for scrap. Batteries junked numbered 10,273.

In a letter to all Chevrolet dealers listing these scrap totals, Mr. Holler said:

"Encouraging as the result has been to date, recently inaugurated offensives of the Allied Nations accentuate the need for additional scrap for the production of more tanks, guns, planes and ammunition than ever. To accomplish this, the war production industries will need more scrap than ever.

"The end of the year means inventory time for most business firms—an ideal time for uncovering obsolete, broken, damaged or idle parts and machinery which could feed the scrap drive.

"Scrap can help make 1943 the Victory year."

TAX RETURNS—

A state income tax auditor will be at City Hall, Ashland, on February 27, March 1 and 2 inclusive, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in preparing to fill out their tax returns for the year 1942.

Ashland Postoffice Open On Saturday Afternoons

Under the law recently passed by congress requiring government agencies to work six eight-hour days, the local postoffice will remain open Saturday afternoons until 6 p.m., with full service the same as other days of the week.

Only one delivery on the rural routes will be made on Saturday, but in the city two deliveries to residences are scheduled for Saturdays. Overtime pay will be given the employes for this added work.

Having Meat Troubles? Help Offered Via KOAC

How to manage the family food supply with less meat is being discussed three times a week over the state-owned radio station KOAC by three homemakers who have combined practical experience with a refresher course in home economics at O.S.C. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:45 a.m. one of the three is on the program.

Mrs. Fred Morgan on Monday discusses providing meat for guest dinners. Wednesday Mrs. E. G. Mason speaks on meat extenders, and on Friday Mrs. Curtis Mumford speaks on planning the meat supply for an entire week. These speakers are being heard every week now for an indefinite period.

More Farm Machinery Available in Oregon

Oregon will get more farm machinery for this year's food production job than the amounts allocated under the original state quotas, Albert S. Girod of Salem, chairman of the state USDA war board's farm machinery committee reports on his return from Washington D. C. Quotas for many items will be increased by 25%, and some may be doubled Girod said. The increase is the result of WPB allocation of more materials to manufacturers. Even with the increases, new farm machinery will not begin to meet all needs, Girod warned.

County rationing committees will be advised of how much additional machinery will be allocated to each county, and will use information now being gathered through the every-farmer canvass to determine the farms where the machines are most needed.

CAMP WHITE NEWS NOTES

MORTAR FIRING, JAN 18-24—

Mortar firing will be conducted on the Beagle range of Camp White reservation January 28 to 24 inclusive, it was announced today from headquarters. Firing will be carried on between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Beagle range is defined as the area nine miles north of Medford that lies in a rectangle six miles wide to the west of Rogue River and extends north for 10 miles from the mouth of Little Butte creek.

Military and civilian personnel are warned to remain out of the area unless they have business. Range guards will be posted to enforce this order.

THIS AND THAT (By Old Timer)

To The Editor: We believe that the time is opportune when concerted action was being taken to compile an honor roll of the men of the Ashland community in the armed forces of Uncle Sam.

It strikes us that this undertaking should receive the approval and support of our civic organizations. Let them take the matter up in their meetings and follow it up with the appointment of committees for a general conference of all organizations to further the project.

A house-to-house canvass should be made for the names of the men in the service, the branch of service along with the next of kin. No doubt Supt. T. J. Norby could be enlisted in the movement and arrangements made to have high school students make the canvass for the names of the service men.

When the canvass is completed, the names should be published in the local newspapers in order that corrections, if any, can be made. Copies of the honor roll should be run off on paper suitable for framing and preservation under glass, with space reserved for adding new names.

As a follow-up to the honor roll a permanent memorial should be erected on the plaza.

Job was a patient man but he didn't have to worry about tires, gasoline, sugar and other commodities.

Nineteen-Forty-Two was a year of bumper crops—one of the biggest: being Washington-inspired questionnaires.

With Uncle Sam now \$115 billion dollars in debt, no one yet has come up with a workable method for unpriming the pump.

The U. S. Army quartermaster corps spend \$404 annually on each soldier for food, clothing and supplies.

Since no more sliced bakery bread is the order of the OPA, the old bread knife has been whetted up for slicia.

Tojo says the war is just starting. This means, of course, that he can see his own finish.

Berlin will not look the same to the Nazis streaking home from Russia.

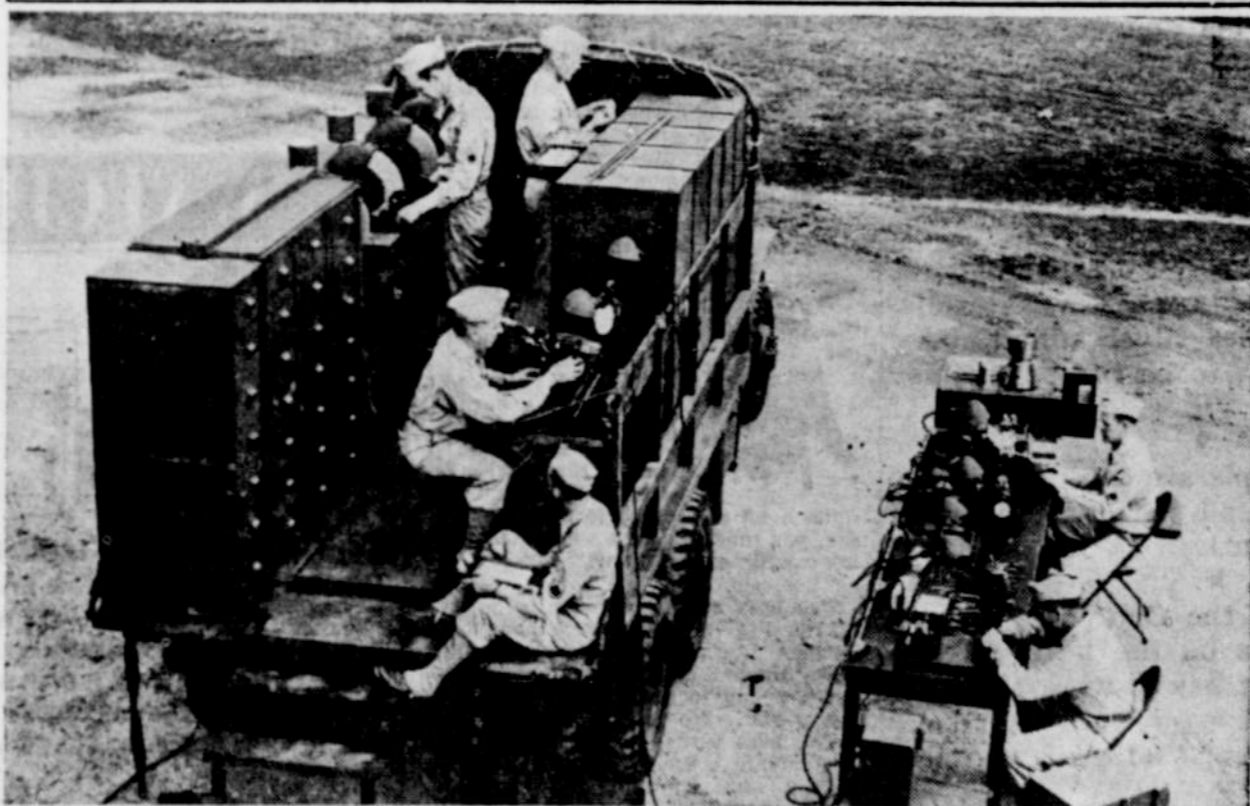
NEWBRY PLACED—

State Senator Earl Newbry is serving on the following committees in the current legislature; Chairman of Municipal Affairs; Vice Chairman, Agriculture, Vice Chairman of Irrigation and Drainage, member of Assessments and Taxation, Federal Relations and Industries.

JUST DUMB



MOBILE SPECTACLE SHOPS FOR THE A.E.F.



Shown above is one of the Army's new mobile optical units built by the American Optical Company for overseas service. These units will repair or replace eyeglasses for soldiers in the field.

Southbridge, Mass. — Realizing that true vision is vital to victory, the United States Army has added something distinctively new to its mobile battle equipment—spectacle shops on wheels, to be driven within rifle shot of the front lines to repair or replace eyeglasses for soldiers, thereby keeping their eyes keen for action.

Designed and built by the American Optical Company at the request of the Surgeon General's office, these unique, truck-borne optical shops—first of their kind and conceived especially for field armies—are as complete as the average optical shop in the heart of New York City.

Each of the units, manned by a crew of eight army optical technicians, is designed to care for on-the-spot optical needs of a fighting army of 300,000 men. The Army

estimates that 15 per cent of the men in the armed forces wear glasses.

During World War I the Army decided to attach to the A.E.F. an optical unit which was stationed in a suburb of Paris. As the headquarters of this original unit remained stationary, it was impossible to give speedy spectacle service to the soldiers in the field, the reason why the present units were designed to be completely mobile so that they can follow a shifting army.

The new mobile optical unit consists of a two-and-a-half ton truck for carrying optical equipment and machinery, and a one-ton trailer for carrying the supplies of the crew and a large tent.

The optical equipment ranges from diamonds for cutting lenses to four mounted emery stones for edging and shaping them. Among

other instruments are a drill, axis marker and a lensometer for recreating a prescription from parts of a shattered spectacle lens.

A wide assortment of uncut ground and polished lenses is stocked aboard the truck, sufficient to correct practically all types of eye errors. Arranged in specially constructed cabinets reinforced and padded to withstand the shock of riding over rough terrain are 36,000 single vision lenses, 8,400 frames, 600 pairs of extra temples and 1,200 spectacle cases.

The operators of the unit can edge and mount 120 single lenses daily—sufficient for the average requirements of a field army of 300,000 men. These operators perform the technical work of preparing the glasses, while the professional ophthalmic services of examining, refracting and prescribing are handled by Army doctors.