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## THIS AND THAT

(By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:  
There are too many lawyers in Congress. It isn't surprising, therefore, that every big and little bill that rears its anxious head is pounced on by great legal minds - is argued over, flattened out and minced up until it ends peeled of useful flesh and likewise flabby: as witness the toothless anti-strike bill.

Speaking of labor, General Grant said: "Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately you occasionally find men disgrace Labor."

Uncle Zeke thinks the nearest thing to Paradise on earth must be Iceland. Iceland has no trees. No trees, no leaves. No leaves - but you get the idea.

German army generals may bump off Hitler, says a report. That would be just like a Nazi spoiling everybody else's fun.

Maybe it was only natural for those Japs with their oversize molars to try to bite off more than they could chew.

The men of earth build houses—Halls and chambers, roofs and domes—  
But the women of the earth—God knows—  
The women build the homes.  
—Anon.

Patton can thank his lucky stars he didn't lose his rank. If he should have another brain storm here's hoping he won't pick on a shell-shocked soldier.

Salt is cheap and unrationed. Take a grain of it with every war rumor you hear.

Light moves 192,000 miles per second. Sound moves 743 miles a second, and scandal travels around the world in no time.

Those Washington squabbles are becoming nauseous.

## Study Club Meets with Mrs. Weren

The Fortnightly Study Club met on November 29th at the home of Mrs. Eric Weren at 319 Alta St. An attractive dessert was served by the hostess. Mrs. Ruth King and Mrs. Mabel Bailey poured. Mrs. Ruth King, the president, presided during the business session. Seventeen members responded to the roll call. Mrs. Florence Pratt had chosen an interesting subject for her short topic, Basic English, A Global Language. America's chief exponent of basic English is Dr. Iyvor Armstrong Richards of Harvard, who helped discover the principles twenty-three years ago. People all over the world are now aware that basic English is a proposed international language for the communication of all people on the face of a rapidly shrinking globe.

"Paris Under-Ground" by Etta Shiber, more exciting than fiction, is the story of two women, one an American, the other French, who started, developed, and operated an underground railway by which almost two hundred British soldiers escaped from occupied France before Mrs. Shiber and her friend were arrested by the gestapo. Her story is packed with thrills, humor, bravery, and drama, and a vivid picture of Paris under the Nazi rule. Mrs. Ethel Putney reviewed this book in a splendid manner.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Nalla Rice at 300 Lincoln Street December 13th. Martha Elhart will have the short topic, and Mrs. Myrtle Billings will have the book review.

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## USO CHRISTMAS PLANS OUTLINED

Christmas plans were outlined at the Volunteers Tea held at the Ashland USO Monday afternoon, Nov. 29, attended by around 30 hostesses engaged in USO service and others interested in joining the group.

At the business meeting Mrs. I. F. Andres and Mrs. Ralph McCulloch, chairmen respectively of the desk and senior hostess groups, reviewed the work of these hostesses and led discussion of their duties.

Director Bayonne Glenn then reviewed plans for Christmas, stating that it is hoped to have the aid of the schools again this year in providing decorations. The Army Wives Club assisted by senior hostesses will decorate the Christmas trees and make wreaths for the clubhouse. Sunday, Dec. 19, there will be vesper service and the "hanging of the greens" to which the community is invited.

On Christmas Eve the main party is to be held with gifts from the tree. At this party, Mrs. Glenn stated, the club expects to have a group of army engineers who last Christmas were in Canada where the temperature was 40 degrees below zero.

Christmas day will start with a breakfast before the fireplace for all army men and service connected persons who come in. A "sing" will be held in the afternoon, and later a cold-turkey table at supper and a formal dance in the evening.

On Sunday following Christmas Day, Dec. 26, an accordion musicale will be held at the clubhouse, 4:30-5:30, in charge of Mrs. Eve Prentiss and Mrs. Glenn Clymer of Medford, to which the community is invited.

Mrs. Glenn reported plans also in making for the week between Christmas and New Years and stated that since Ashland has the reputation of being a friendly and homelike town, the Christmas spirit will be intensified no doubt through community cooperation. "I hope," she said, "that the community of Ashland will feel that the USO clubhouse is theirs during the Christmas season, and that they are welcome to visit, to help and serve in the building at any time during the Christmas week."

Following the business meeting tea, coffee and cake were served at a table in the dining room. Mesdames Andres and McCulloch presiding.

The rooms were decorated with fall chrysanthemums brought by Mrs. W. D. Jackson.

Opportunity was given for new hostesses to sign for service at the information desk in charge of Mrs. Edna Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Newbry entertained at Thanksgiving dinner with the following guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams and family of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wooten of Talent.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davenport were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Engle, Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Olive Swendenburg, Dr. Genevieve Swendenburg, and Mrs. Bess Canfield.

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"HIS BROW IS WET WITH HONEST SWEAT,  
HE EARNS WHAT'ER HE CAN,  
AND HE LOOKS THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE FACE  
FOR HE OWES NOT ANY MAN."



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**"LOOK THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE FACE."**

## Public Invited to View Art Exhibit

An exhibit of art prints from the Portland Art Association will be on display in the Administration building of the Southern Oregon College of Education Monday evening, Dec. 6, which the public is invited to view.

The exhibit contains lithographs, linoleum block prints, steel engravings, silk screens, and woodcuts, done in both monotone and in colors.

Some of the art prints, produced by the Fine Arts Project of the Public Works Administration in San Francisco, are views of the Bay region. All except a few Oriental prints are modern designs, including landscapes, still life, and a few quite interesting surrealistic studies.

The art display has the combined sponsorship of the Southern Oregon College of Education and the Ashland and Medford branches of the American Association of University Women.

Mr. Robert Dodge, who will be in charge of hanging the exhibit will be present Monday evening to comment on the designs and give brief non-technical discussions of the different methods used and techniques of art printing.

No price is charged for admission and the public is invited to see this exhibit Monday evening, December 6, according to the sponsors.

## Chaplains and Quartet to Be at Methodist Church

The Methodist Church will have as its guests of honor next Sunday evening two army chaplains, Chaplain Cecil Ottinger and Chaplain Roy H. Boldt, with a quartet who will furnish a half hour of religious music. With them will be fifteen or more men from the camp. Chaplain Boldt will give the sermon. Chaplain Ottinger will offer the evening prayer.

Following the hour of worship the men will gather in the social hall of the church for refreshments which are to be served by the ladies of the church. The public is invited to hear this quartet sing. They are a favorite group of men who have been singing all over this valley. The hour is 7:30 P.M.

## LT. FRANCES S. KOCH NOW LOCATED AT SAN FRANCISCO

Frances S. Koch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Flagg, Route No. 1 of Ashland, Oregon, who has been a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps since June, 1942, recently reported at Fort Mason for duty in the San Francisco Port of Embarkation Station Hospital.

Lt. Koch is the wife of 2nd Lt. J. E. Koch, now serving in an infantry regiment, and she is the mother of G. Ann Koch, who is a student in Immaculate Conception Academy, San Francisco. A brother, W. R. Flagg, is serving in the Navy.

## TALENT NEWS

Mrs. M. P. Franklin, who resides south of Talent, returned home Saturday from a visit in Texas visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamilton from near Medford were calling on friends and relatives in Talent, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks spent Sunday at Prospect visiting their son, Wayne Cowdrey and family.

Billie Beeson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Beeson, who is attending school in Corvallis spent the Thanksgiving holidays visiting his parents and friends.

H. B. Nicholls of Medford was in Talent Monday transacting business.

Mrs. Iota Miller of Fresno was called here because of her brother's death, Nate Hamilton, who passed away at Medford last week Mrs. Miller returned to her home Monday.

Mrs. Royal Bates is spending a week in Klamath Falls with her daughter, Mrs. David McComb, who is the mother of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller and his children of Merrill visited at the home of L. M. Bates and other relatives.

The Foot Ball game played on Thanksgiving day between Talent and Jacksonville at Talent was won by a score of 30-13 in favor of Talent. Roland Parks of Ashland high refereed the game.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeifer and son Jack spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin on Wagner Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mason of Portland are visiting relatives and friends in Talent and vicinity. They are former residents of Talent.

Louie Leoetow of Prospect was a business caller in Talent Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn Bates and son Richard of Medford called on relatives in Talent Friday evening.

Mrs. Belle Skeeters returned to her home here Friday evening after spending a few days at Prospect visiting her son Everett and family.

Mrs. Roy Estes was shopping in Medford Monday afternoon.

## Dinner Honoring New Postmasters

Invitational Dinner honoring postmasters Terrill of Talent, Modine Skinner of Phoenix, and E. E. Vall of Ashland at the Plaza Cafe, 7 P.M., Friday, December 3.

Judge C. E. Lyon, former county judge of Deschutes County, Bend, Oregon, will be the main speaker.

Mayor Thornton Wiley will welcome these new postmasters to our community.

## COURT NEWS

Cited in by the state police was Virgil Clair Waite for overload on drivers. He paid a fine of \$12.00.

Fred C. Neathamer was brought into court and fined \$13.00 for axle overload.

D. McDaniels, escaped criminal, was committed to the county jail, where he is awaiting arrival of Idaho authorities.

Mrs. W. A. Sawyer and children of Burns are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gallatin.

## INTO THE GREAT TROUGH - BURNT RIVER CANYON

The Oregon Trail now entered the Burnt River canyon, very narrow, deep and crooked. Through this narrow trough in the hills all of the emigration over the Oregon Trail flowed, for there was no other way. The Trail crossed and re-crossed the rocky little stream, dignified by the name, river. Owing to obstructions ahead, the Trail left the canyon at Sisley Creek to wind through the hills, down Swayze and Manning Creeks, then back to the river again near the present Durkee. There the hills parted, leaving a fertile little valley which was a delight to the emigrants, for the canyon had taken heavy toll.

In crossing the many narrow gullies, wagon tongues were broken; wagons overturned on the steep hillsides; axles snapped, and wheels crumbled in the many crossings of the rocky river bed.

Burnt River and the Trail now parted, the river turning to the west and the Trail to the north, up Alder Creek. Obstructions along the creek forced the emigrants to leave it and cut across the hills, up Emigrant Gulch.

By this time the boys and girls were barefooted, and so were many of the adults. But they had to make the best of it for there were no shoe stores along the Trail.

Winding through the hills the Trail came down onto a sagebrush plain known today as Virtue Flat. The soil was light and easily disturbed. Wagons and live stock stirred it into a powdery dust which winds tossed into great clouds to torment the emigrants and their live stock. It was an experience never to be forgotten. With eyes and hair filled with dust, lips chapped and bleeding, the plodding emigrants longed for living water with which to ease their torment.

Ed. Note.—This is one in a series of stories commemorating the Old Oregon Trail Centennial.

**3 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT**  
TO BUY GLOVES FOR HELEN  
  
**Buy Christmas Seals**

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burns and daughters of Dunsmuir, Calif. were house guests of Mrs. Burn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hastings over the Thanksgiving holiday. They also visited at the M. T. Burns home on Van Ness Ave.

Mrs. Maud Marske, Mrs. W. C. Polk, and Mrs. C. E. Pratt were luncheon guests of Mrs. Ralph Billings and spent the afternoon Tuesday.

## "We Are Buying War Bonds—Are You?"



Part of Sgt. Edward Straube's left foot was shot away at Ferryville, near Bizerte, North Africa. At Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., they are building up his foot again. Sgt. Straube, from Perth Amboy, N. J., buys War Bonds regularly.



Sgt. Bernard Rello, 22, of New York, was wounded by snipers during the Sicilian campaign. His grandparents live in Naples, and he has a brother in the army. Both buy War Bonds regularly. Do you do as much?



Technician 5th Grade John A. Wisniewski, 25, of Door, Mich., lost his right eye, three fingers and suffered chest wounds from shrapnel in the fight to capture Tunis. He is now recovering at Halloran and is a regular War Bond purchaser.



Pvt. Bernard Heidemann's left leg will be two inches shorter when he is discharged from Halloran. He was wounded by a German bullet during the operations in Sicily last August. His home is Chicago. He has been in traction since Sept. He's buying bonds.



The nickname of Pvt. Milton Lieberman, 27, of Brooklyn, is "Clark Gable." He was wounded in Sicily last August and has been at Halloran since October. Every payday \$12.50 is taken out for War Bonds Lieberman is buying. How many do you buy?