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THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

Julius Caesar was the first to make January 1 the beginning of a New Year.

Janus, from whose name January was derived, was an old Latin deity. On early Roman coins he was represented as having one head with two bearded faces, one looking forward and the other backward. (Sort of a prototype of later day politicians.)

Janus was worshipped as the sovereign disposer of war and peace and the dispenser of the fortunes of mankind. The gates of his temple, according to an ordinance, were to be opened at the beginning of a war and remain open until peace was established in every country subjected to Rome. During the long space of 700 years the gates were closed only three times.

About two years ago Harry Bridges was ordered deported. Uncle Sam appears a little slow in handing Harry his hat and wishing him bon voyage. How come!

Uncle Zeke opines all that will be left to the Japs at war's end will be Japan. However, that should be plenty roomy enough for all the Nips that will be left.

We read that Russian soldiers wear the best overcoats of any army. And their courage is all wool and a yard wide, too.

The scheduled "bowl" games having been wound up, the pigskin gladiators should voluntarily offer to do their part in kicking the Japs out of the South Pacific.

This being a political year, it would be fitting to launch a "save gas" campaign.

A spare blanket is now as important as a spare tire.

How is it since you turned over that new leaf?

The Japs will soon say "So sorry," and mean it.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH DINNER

A large crowd attended the annual New Year dinner program at the Methodist Church last Saturday noon. For 50 years this dinner has been held on New Year's Day, and not one year has been missed through all that time. For 80 years this church has been organized and contributing to the moral and spiritual qualities of this community.

The program as introduced by Ralph Billings, who was toastmaster, was as follows: A solo and an encore by Mrs. Lucille McKay; two trio numbers by Mrs. Cora Bruce, Lucille McKay and Mrs. Lottie McGee, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Della Weber; New Year remarks by the pastor, who emphasized the Day of Prayer as suggested by the President of the United States. Following Dr. Bruce's talk he called for a moment of silent prayer, which was followed by oral prayer by himself. The program closed with the showing of the moving picture, "Unto the Hills" which is a true story of a boy who was raised in the hills of Kentucky and who was transformed by the influence of the missionaries of the Methodist Church.

The Methodists are now looking forward to the celebration of the eightieth anniversary celebration which will be some time during 1944.

HARRY CHIPMAN
and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the
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to see
at the VARSITY THEATRE
(Friday and Saturday)
"OX-BOW INCIDENT"
AND
"AERIAL GUNNER"
or
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"DIXIE"
Please call at the Miner Office
for Your Guest Tickets

USO Celebrates Holiday Week end

New Year's Eve and the evening of New Year's Day were celebrated at the Ashland USO with dancing both evenings. New Year's Eve dance was formal, with the 83rd General Hospital Orchestra furnishing music. The dance, enlivened by noisemakers, was in full swing all evening until midnight, when the funmakers paused to usher in the New Year with singing Auld Lang Syne and other traditional songs of good will.

The hall was decorated with gay festoons of many colored serpentine and with large posters displayed on the walls advising such New Year resolutions as "Write that letter home," "Dance a lot; don't intermission too much," "Love, honor and obey your first sergeant," "Never miss the 11 o'clock bus for a USO miss."

Senior hostesses who served on New Year's Eve were Mrs. Bert Freeman, Mrs. W. D. Jackson, Miss Victoria Tavener, Mrs. Marcella Rawe, Mrs. Henry Galey, Mrs. H. S. Atkins. Those who decorated for the week-end dances were Voyle Specht, Tech. Sgt. Marvin Timmerberg, Pfc. Woody Shotten, Pat Rawe, Bea Krueger, Frances Alkins, Ruth Rouse, Marguerite Grunswald. Refreshments were served the hard-working decorators by Mrs. Naomi Grunswald and Mrs. Roger Rath. Mrs. Laura Pierce, desk hostess, was also helpful with the work of preparing for the New Year's fun.

In the afternoon of New Year's Day, guests at the USO listened to the Rose Bowl game, while coffee and sandwiches were served by Mrs. Naomi Grunswald.

All during the holidays the USO has been fortunate to have the use of a large corn-popping machine, loaned by a group of SOCE students, and the odor of parched corn has been a welcoming feature to those entering the lounge.

Director Bayonne Glenn, in commenting on the week-end holiday, stated: "Everyone had a jolly time and without any of the unpleasant features that sometimes accompany New Year's celebrations. The New Year's celebrations ended a very pleasant holiday week-end at the USO."

POST-WAR PROBLEMS CLASS HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The first session of the Post-War Problems class met last night at the City Hall.

Dr. Walter Redford, president of the Southern Oregon College of Education, is in charge of this class, which will meet each Wednesday evening at 8:00 for 11 or 12 weeks.

This class is being offered at the request of local business men.

MRS. MILLIE SHERARD

Funeral services are being held today at 1:30 at the Litwiler Funeral Home for Mrs. Millie Sherard, who passed away Tuesday after a lingering illness.

Survivors include her husband, Albert Sherard and four children, Mrs. Gladys Gale and Cleo Kenyon of Ashland, Mrs. Jessie Lewis of Talent and Mrs. June Whitsett of Grants Pass.

Miss Agnes White, who is a student at Willamette University, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Charles A. White.

Battle of Tarawa Told In Pictures



Many valuable pictures were taken by daring Marine Corps combat photographers during the bitter Battle of Tarawa, including the three reproduced above. Upper photo shows a group of Marines assembling on the beach after surviving terrific gunfire, American dive-bombers are overhead. The brave group, center, advances toward Jap machine-gun nests which they succeeded in wiping out shortly after the picture was taken. A squad leader points out direction of Jap nest. In lower photo, two Marines man a machine-gun amid wreckage as a third Leatherneck lays aside his rifle to assist them.

NOTE: Arthur Curtis, nephew of the editor of the Miner, received wounds in this battle and has been brought to the States for medical attention. His home is in Las Vegas, Nevada.

MARVIN EUGENE HALL

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for Marvin Eugene Hall, 15 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Hall. The father is in overseas service.

Survivors include his parents, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall of Ashland; four aunts, Mrs. Frank Fuller, Myrtle Wilma, and Maxine Peterson of Ashland and one uncle, Walter Peterson in foreign army service.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Patterson have returned from San Francisco. While there they attended the East-West game on New Year's.

OREGON FIRST IN WAC CAMPAIGN

Oregon placed first in the nation by filling the largest proportion of its quota in the recently concluded All-States WAC recruiting campaign, it was announced by Maj. B. P. Cody, commanding officer of the Oregon recruiting and induction district.

Rhode island finished second in the drive. "Even though the All-States campaign has come to an end with new glory to the State of Oregon," said Maj. Cody, "women of the state are still needed in large numbers to step into thousands of important WAC jobs. The more Wacs the Army gets, the sooner our Army will be up to total strength."

GUEST AT BRUCE HOME

Chaplain Leonard DeMoore was a house guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Bruce over the week-end. On Sunday morning he preached in the Presbyterian Church, taking the pulpit for the pastor Rev. Howard G. Eddy, who is ill in the hospital in Portland.

ELBERT MASON KINDRED

Funeral services were held last Friday for Elbert Mason Kindred 55, who passed away Dec. 28. Survivors include his wife, two sons, Clyde of Fields, Oregon and Elbert of Ceres, California and two daughters, Mrs. Alvina of Martin, South Dakota and Mrs. Marie Koenig of Omaha, Nebraska and four brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. William Specht of Silverton visited last week with her sister, Miss Carrie May Smith.

COST OF SELLING WAR BONDS LOW

The American public is being libeled by misinformation concerning the cost of selling war bonds and the rate at which war bonds are being cashed in. This is the conclusion of Forrest E. Cooper, district representative of the Oregon War Finance Committee, who reported this week to N. H. Zacharisen, Jackson County chairman. Cooper has just returned from a conference of U. S. Treasury executives where plans were made for the fourth war loan scheduled for this month.

"The out-of-pocket cost of selling war bonds is 1-33 of 1 per cent, Cooper reported. This unusually low cost of selling bonds is in contrast with cost of 2 per cent in the sale of similar war bonds by other Allied nations.

"Rumors about the high cost of selling war bonds can be laid to ignorance or enemy propaganda," Mr. Zacharisen stated yesterday. "Only in America could billions of dollars be raised at such unusually low cost."

Concerning cashing in of war bonds, Cooper stated that the number being turned in is much smaller than state headquarters had anticipated. Figures released by the State Office shows that Jackson County has invested \$4,624,433 in Series E war bonds since May, 1942. While the exact percentage of redemptions in this county could not be ascertained, Mr. Zacharisen asserted that the figure is proportionately low.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds on Dec. 28, a daughter.

Women Launch S.S. "Nehalem"

Women workers on the production line at the Kaiser Company, Inc., Swan Island Yard, were honored at an "all-women's" launching on Wednesday, January 5, at 11:30 a. m., when the S. S. "Nehalem," 47th tanker to be built here, slid down the ways as the first ship launched in 1944.

The sponsor was Mrs. Leo Robirds, burner in hull fabrication on the day shift, who has worked at the big tanker yard for 16 months, and has never been absent. She has been tardy twice, once due to a flat tire. Mr. and Mrs. Robirds are the proud parents of four children, three boys and one girl. He also is employed at Swan Island.

The two matrons of honor were Mrs. Ida Paulina Kinnari, ship-fitter helper who has worked for 16 months at Swan Island and has missed but five days, and Mrs. Vera Crocker Dittmore, marine electrician who has worked for 15 months with only four days of absenteeism. Mrs. Crocker is the mother of two daughters, one of whom will join the marines on January 7, two days after the launching. Mrs. Kinnari was born in Finland.

The master of ceremonies was Mrs. Virginia Lemire, assistant personnel manager for women and woman's counsellor co-ordinator for the three Kaiser yards in this area.

Mayor E. N. Oberg of Nehalem appointed his wife "Mayor for a Day" to participate at the launching and extend the greetings of the citizens of the honor city to the women on the production line. Mrs. A. R. Nieman, wife of the assistant general manager, and Doctor Lois Meek Stolz, consulting director of the Swan Island and Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation's Child Service Centers, also spoke.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Dorothy Harding, Bennett Chapel Methodist Church of Portland.

The plates that hold the ship in place on the ways were cut by the following burners: Florence Signalness, Thelma Vaneps, Edith Ferguson, Francis Woods, Christine Sweet, Colleen Jungers, chosen from the three shifts and various departments in the yard.

The women guards acted as color guard and raised the American flag; women workers greased the ways and hung the electric clocks, handled the public address system, and in fact took over every launching duty usually assigned to men.

The 40-piece all-girl band of Vancouver High School, directed by Julia Wynn, played.

On the launching platform and at the luncheon in the skyroom, no men were permitted.

The ship was named for the small coast resort city of Nehalem, famed as the scene of buried treasure, marooned Spaniards, Galleons, laden with bee's wax candles and such like. It is named primarily for the Nehalem Indians.

Students Achieve Scholastic Record

The following students at the Southern Oregon College of Education achieved excellent scholastic records during the fall term, their grades ranging 3.50 or better, out of a possible point average of 4.00: Phyllis Ansama, Reedsport; Gloria Raniele Cadman San Diego, Calif.; Ann Crandall, Ashland; Eleanor McCole, Grants Pass; Lois Post, Lakeview; Dorothy Riggs, Klamath Falls; Mary Alice Wolford, Roseburg.

The following students achieved a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.50 for the term: Helen Bekker, Ashland; Mabel Boggs, Las Vegas, Nevada; Dorothy Dodge, Medford; Henrietta Hall, Gerber, Calif.; Fannette Hodges, Merrill; Alice Mae Johnson, Paisley; Elva Matthews, Days Creek; Verna Dean Meggs and Berthel Nelson, Klamath Falls; Sue Parkinson, Ashland; Verna Paulson, Medford; Marie Pochelu, Paisley; Mary Patricia Rawe, Ashland; Lois Thompson, Talent, and Ruth Walker, Ashland.

Dave Snider and Jim Moss were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Emmett.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

This cupola-capped tower on the state capitol at Lincoln looks out upon one of our important grain and livestock states. Its founders came from the corners of the world and built a great commonwealth.

Cornhusker's Pride



In Europe too, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Holland, France, Norway and other countries were striving for better, more peaceful days and then Austria spawned Adolf Hitler.

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