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CUTTING her "happy birthday" cake at a celebration honoring her on her 89th birthday was Mrs. Frances (Aunt Fannie) McMillan, who now resides at Rose Villa, Milwaukie. A modern-day "Grandma Moses" she continues to enjoy expressing her creative talents through paintings for her many friends and relatives to enjoy. (Milwaukie Review Photo)

McMillan Relatives Honor 'Aunt Fannie' on 89th Birthday

November 5 was a memorable day for Mrs. Frances McMillan, a former Lexington resident, who now makes her home at Rose Villa in Milwaukie. Her seven children and their families, joined by her Rose Villa friends, made the celebration of her 89th birthday one that she will not soon forget, coming as a complete surprise three days following her actual birthday, November 2.

The special day for "Aunt Fannie," as she is affectionately called by everyone in the Villa, as well as in Morrow county where she lived for 61 years, payed deserving tribute to her energetic spirit which, through the years, has found expression in her talented paintings.

Aunt Fannie has been called a modern-day "Grandma Moses" since she has painted hundreds of primitives in bright uninhibited colors, taken from every-day life inspirations, and just for the "joy" of creativeness. Her oils have taken rib-

bons in both Morrow county and Oregon State Fairs. She is completely self-taught but many years ago her Aunt Minnie took lessons in pastels and encouraged her niece in the use of chalk. However, the lure for oils won out in the end, to which the walls of her apartment and those in homes of family and friends, bear testimony.

Born in Missouri, Mrs. McMillan came west to Idaho in 1881. In 1900 she came to Morrow county where she and her husband homesteaded a wheat ranch, later moving to Lexington so that the children could go to school. She resumed her painting following her husband's death in 1949 and after her son took over management of the ranch. In 1961 she moved to the Villa because most of her family was living in that part of the state. Her pursuit of creative living, combined with a radiating personality, have kept her "young in heart" through the years. She gardens in a tiny

Servicemen Like Personal Gifts, Says Red Cross

"Something personal" from the loved ones at home tops the list of Christmas gifts preferred by servicemen overseas, according to Robert B. Abrams, chairman of the local Morrow county Red Cross Chapter. He bases this statement on a survey just completed by American Red Cross workers serving the U. S. forces around the world, he said.

Family snapshots and portraits, voice tapes, hometown newspapers, and many more letters were the most frequent gift suggestions made by servicemen in Europe, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and at other military posts overseas. Another timely tip for the folks back home was to use hometown newspapers as packing in holiday parcels to give the servicemen additional enjoyment as he catches up on the latest news from home.

Almost as important as the gifts themselves is the need to mail them in sufficient time for delivery before Christmas Day, Abrams pointed out. U. S. Post Office deadlines for overseas mailing was November 10 by surface, a date that is already past. However, December 10 is airmail deadline.

Other gifts high on the list of preferred items include paperback books, magazines, small puzzles and tabletop games, stationery with self-sealing envelopes, and even extra money for leaves or purchases of small items from foreign countries.

Home-baked foods such as cake or cookies always are welcome, but such perishable gifts usually are not practical for a serviceman in distant tropical areas like Southeast Asia, Abrams stated. Individually wrapped hard candy and cookies in metal containers may arrive unspilled, but even this is not certain, he warned.

The Red Cross discovered that the average serviceman likes gifts with a touch of home because they are more personal and meaningful than luxury items which the serviceman often can buy for himself for less money in military post exchanges.

Family gifts should vary according to a man's military location, Abrams advised. Depending on climate, socks, sweaters, and other articles of clothing will be welcome if the serviceman is in an area where he can wear civilian clothes when off duty, he said.

The Red Cross followed closely the expressed wants of American servicemen in its Shop Early program, Abrams reported. Chapters and organizations throughout the United States have packed special gift bags with useful personal gifts and

shipped them to Vietnam for Christmas holiday season delivery, he said. More than 579,000 were prepared—enough for each serviceman in that country to receive an individual bag. Of these, 2,000 were filled with feminine articles for women serving in the armed forces there. Included in the gifts were many and varied popular items such as playing cards, ballpoint pens, paperback books, writing paper, tapes for recorded messages at home, assorted games, and toilet articles.

Spray Church Sets Series of Meetings

A series of gospel meetings will be held at the Assembly of God Church in Spray from December 5 to 17 at 7:00 p.m. each evening, according to announcement by Rev. Darrell Hoskins, pastor of the Spray church.

The public is invited to hear the dynamic gospel preaching of Jerry Russel, who will center his messages on his own true life story. He was in prison at the age of 18, and now serves Christ as an ordained minister. He will tell about the teenage gangs and the underworld about the drug addict and the prison life, presenting a changeless Christ for a changing world.

People of all faiths from all churches are invited to hear his messages.

Relatives of Frank Turner greeted him in Portland on Thanksgiving, in celebration of his 82nd birthday on November 22, as well as for the special holiday. He traveled to Portland by bus from Boardman, where he was met and visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anabel Allison. They were joined there by Mrs. Allison's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. McKenzie and two sons of Cedar Hills, and enjoyed a combined birthday and Thanksgiving celebration together.

3 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT

CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES

CHRISTMAS 1967

Salvation Army Announces Annual Christmas Appeal

Ted Smith, chairman of the local Salvation Army Service Extension Committee, has announced the start of the Army's annual Christmas and winter relief appeal. Appeal letters are being mailed this week to residents of this area.

The appeal will provide funds to help needy families throughout the country at Christmas and for year-around welfare of The Salvation Army. The extent of aid possible depends heavily on the response to this mail appeal.

Food, clothing and toys are the principal items provided at Christmas time to brighten the holidays for the less fortunate. The Salvation Army requests that contributions be in the form of cash or checks, since there are no facilities for collecting and handling gifts of goods. Also, money can be used to purchase the items best suited to the needs of individual families.

Money remaining after Christmas is used for the continuing welfare program of the local service extension committee, which provides some 23 different services, including care for unwed mothers at Salvation Army facilities, emergency assistance for transients, farm fire relief and many others.

During the past year, Salvation Army service extension units throughout the state have provided aid for 12,000 persons at a cost of \$137,400.

Contributions should be sent to: Bill Siewert, committee treasurer, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Selective Service Office Closed Week

The office of Local Board No. 31, Selective Service System, Condon, is closed the week of November 27 through December 1, according to announcement of the clerk, Peggy Dean Riney. The clerk will be vacation from the office during this time.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Harriet Evans and Mrs. Alma Morgan were Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher and family of Mt. Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Troxell and family of Spray. The two women are daughters of Mrs. Evans.

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