

# VETERANS HEAR CHILD WELFARE AIMS OF LEGION

As part of a state-wide educational program conducted for the purpose of promoting the American Legion's drive for better child welfare work, William Kietzer of Portland, child welfare chairman of the department of Oregon, and Stewart Weiss, also of Portland, chairman of Oregon district No. 1, last night addressed 73 members of Medford post and auxiliary in a joint meeting at the armory.

Both speakers described the improper conditions under which they said child welfare work in Oregon is being carried out, and explained that a bill is being prepared by members of the Legion for the next session of the state legislature. It passed, they said the bill will end inefficient welfare work and bring about a solution of one of the nation's major problems.

Mr. Kietzer, the first speaker, divided the program into two phases: first, material relief, which he said is being handled efficiently by the Legion Auxiliaries, and second, education, which he said is to inform Legion members and the public, and then be carried into legislation.

Devoting his talk to the education phase, Mr. Kietzer maintained that "orphan children should be reared in homes as nearly resembling the ones from which they came as possible—institutions are only stopgaps in child welfare."

A child should never be broken from a family because of poverty, Mr. Kietzer said, explaining that poverty should be overcome, not by sending children to welfare institutions, but by use of a part of the Legion's program, known as mother's aid. The speaker cited cases with which he has dealt, proving that such mother's aid when granted is not only less expensive to the government, but also far more beneficial than commitment to an institution for the half-orphaned or handicapped child.

"At present there are 36 different methods in Oregon of granting mother's aid, as there are 36 counties," the speaker said. "There are 15 private institutions, not under state control, yet which receive state funds, and there are six public institutions all being operated under the supervision of political appointees. Is that a correlated program?"

County committees were described as one of the most important aims of the program. Mr. Kietzer explained the committee as consisting of groups of trained and competent child welfare workers appointed to hear cases against erring minors, and to correct youngsters without committing them to reformatories, which he described strongly as being "schools of crime," detrimental to children in nearly every case.

He cited several instances of young boys taken to state or private reformatories, allowed to associate with "groups of criminals," and as a result mature with characters warped through improper environment. Mr. Kietzer said that in many cases boys are committed to reformatories at the whim of officials, but that under a system of county committees, such a deplorable condition could not exist.

Mr. Kietzer brought his enlightening and impressive talk to close with an appeal to Medford Legionnaires and Auxiliary members to combine in carrying out the Legion program, to study local conditions, and to get behind the better child welfare bill with organized endorsements, thus insuring its passage in the next state legislature.

Mr. Weiss' talk served to strengthen the statements made in the first address and presented a picture of conditions as he said they should be, in contrast to the conditions Mr. Kietzer described as already existing.

"The child welfare bill was outlined to set up a public welfare department, free from political strings and supervised by trained, experienced workers," Mr. Weiss pointed out.

Under the bill, the governor would appoint a board of responsible persons who would function through a trained director, in co-ordinating phases of child welfare work with the individual child as a center, he explained. He itemized as the main points of the plan: Mother's aid or "pension" as it is sometimes called, private child caring agencies, state owned institutions, probation and adoption. He said the popular term, mother's "pension," should be eliminated, and made to imply a "salary paid mothers for rearing children."

Further explaining the child welfare bill, Mr. Weiss said, "The bill is being modified from application in eastern states to fit Oregon's needs and will take the lives and destinies

# Society and Clubs

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Mr. Handaker to speak before W. C. T. U. Thursday. Mrs. E. A. Oldenburg is to be hostess at her home, 309 East Jackson street, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, to members of the W. C. T. U. It has been announced. The devotional services are to be in charge of Mrs. Lucretia Whillock, and "Peace" is to be the topic for the afternoon.

Mrs. Belle E. Littrell is to give the review of the address on "The Unknown Soldier" which was given by a leading pastor of New York City on Armistice day. Mrs. John Hubler will also be the program giver. Some vocal solos.

J. J. Handaker of Portland, associate secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, is to give the main address for the afternoon, and all members of the W. C. T. U. are requested to be present. Mr. Handaker is to speak of the anti-war movement in Europe, which he mentioned when he recently visited that continent. He also spent some time in Geneva.

**Hillah Party Here**  
**On Wednesday Evening**

Plans are being completed today for the Hillah Shrine party tomorrow evening at the Oriental Gardens, which will be a bridge tournament and dancing party. Announcements have been sent out to all Shriners, and it is expected that a large number from points throughout the valley will be in attendance.

The bridge tournament is to be in charge of Mrs. Charles R. Gail of Medford, and besides bridge, other card games will be in play during the evening in the small hall at the Gardens.

Ward Croft is director of the Hillah band, which is to give a concert during the evening. Other features to be included on the evening will be a buffet supper, dancing, and a special feature show, for which George Hunt is making arrangements.

**Recreation Club Plans Its Christmas Party**

The Jackson County Recreation club is holding its annual Christmas party for the members of the club on Thursday evening, December 13, at 8 o'clock, in the courthouse auditorium.

Arnold Bohmert, of Central Point is the general chairman assisted by Miss Jeanette Gore, Westside, program; Mrs. H. E. Conger, Jacksonville, refreshments and Victor Bursnell, Central Point, decorations.

The exchange of small gifts around the Christmas tree will be the climax of the evening.

**Bible Study Class Meets on Wednesday**

The Wednesday Bible Study class will meet tomorrow at 1:45 p. m. in the courthouse auditorium.

This class is open to all who wish to know the Bible and help others to know it.

The story of the crucifixion will be given.

The children's Bible class will meet at 3:45 in the same room. The first of a series of Christmas lessons will be given. All children are invited.

**Members Urged to Attend Meeting of Loyalty Club**

Members of the Loyalty club of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, are requested to attend the meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Lillie on McAndrews road, west of Ross Lane. Darritt Sullivan is assisting the hostess.

**Women's Association Will Meet on Wednesday**

The Women's Association of the Christian church will hold a regular monthly meeting in the church recreational hall Wednesday at 2 p. m. announcement stated.

of orphaned children out of the hands of an untrained group of politicians."

The speaker said that the present \$12,000,000,000 national crime bill could be cut down tremendously if children could be guaranteed proper environment, and continuing on the subject of environment, said that in many cases officials of reformatories are actually forcing children from their homes and committing them to their institutions.

Both Mr. Weiss and Mr. Kietzer emphasized that the Legion program asks for proper aid not only for children of ex-service men, but for every child.

Following the speeches, which were preceded by a joint "feed," the post and auxiliary held separate business sessions.

At the post's meeting it was announced that the Legion Christmas tree program is to be held in the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon, December 23, with a musical program of interest to grownups, as well as the Santa Claus treat for the kiddies. Chairman O. L. Overmyer announced committees for

# SIX EDUCATIONAL ADVISERS NAMED TO CCC DISTRICT

Six new educational advisers have been assigned to the Medford CCC district, and two now on duty here will be transferred to other districts, according to Major Clara H. Armstrong, commander.

Harris C. Rude, of Eureka, Calif., who has been assigned to the Yreka camp, arrived here Monday. Others to arrive are Donald Mace, of Blaine, Oregon, who will go to Camp Humboldt Mountain; John Blanchard, of Alhambra, Calif., who will be assigned to Camp Evans Creek; Floyd C. Burnett, of Arlington, Calif., who will be sent to Camp Gasquet; and Leonard A. Moore, of Corvallis, Oregon, who will be assigned to Camp Elk Creek.

Collan Ufford, who has been educational adviser for the Evans Creek and Elk Creek camps, is being transferred to the Fort McArthur district in California. Howard M. Stiles, educational adviser at Camp Humboldt Mountain, will be transferred to the Vancouver Barracks district.

One of the most interesting of the new assignments is that of Penton R. Muldowney, CCC enrollee of Camp Indian Creek, as educational adviser to the Wolf Creek camp.

Muldowney is a former college professor who retired some time ago and built a cabin near Happy Camp in northern California. When the civilian conservation corps was started he was employed as a local experienced man with the Indian Creek company under Captain William G. Ryan, now assistant district welfare officer.

Muldowney worked at everything from dynamiting to road foreman and also served as supply sergeant and in several other camp posts. Last winter, before the start of the formal educational program, he organized a school in camp and had regular classes for 120 enrollees out of 170 in the company. The classes were so successful that when the educational department opened its program, both Captain Ryan and Major Clara H. Armstrong, district commander, recommended Muldowney for a camp advisership. His appointment was greeted with pleasure by all members of the district.

**Mrs. Wall Guest At Party Sunday**

A shower for Mrs. Ed Wall was held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brownlee, Sunday, December 9, at 2 o'clock. Those attending were Mrs. D. Daly, Mrs. F. Vanderhoof, Mrs. H. L. Knapp, Mrs. S. A. Harris, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Mrs. R. Webster, Mrs. B. Turnbough, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. I. H. Rolund, the hostess, Mrs. George Brownlee, and the guest of honor, Mrs. Wall. Refreshments were served. A delightful time was had by all.

**Mrs. Chaney Announces Study Club Meetings**

The Child Development Study club will meet at the junior high school Wednesday at 2 o'clock and Thursday afternoon at the Roosevelt school.

Mrs. N. C. Chaney, leader, invites all those interested in child training to attend as plans will be announced for the next term's work.

**Reames Chapter Meeting Wednesday**

For the purpose of electing new officers, Reames chapter, No. 66, O. E. S., will meet in the Masonic hall tomorrow evening. All members are urged to be present.

**Election of Officers For Mistletoe Club**

When the Mistletoe club meets on Wednesday afternoon with Neighbor Cora Lewis, election of officers will be taken up during the afternoon. All members are requested to attend.

**Visits Friends In Grants Pass**

Miss Jane Schmidt spent the weekend in Grants Pass, visiting at the home of friends, according to the Grants Pass Daily Courier.

**Girl Scout Troop to Meet**

Girl Scouts of troop 7 will meet at the home of Captain Humphrey on West Main street, Wednesday at 4:15 p. m., according to announcement today.

**Miss Brown Guest In Ashland**

Miss Emily Brown was a guest over the week-end of Miss Beatrice Lockhart, at her home in Ashland.

event. Plans were also discussed for a dance to be held Christmas night.

The stage show, "Ten Nights in a Barroom," to be given at Oriental Gardens on December 21, was reported on by Chairman Morris Leonard, who said plans are progressing rapidly. Paul McDonald, of the Ashland post, a guest at the meeting, talked on the show, advising local Legionnaires of the methods found best in its Ashland presentation.

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# Son Joins Staff of Lieut. Barris

Word was received here yesterday that Lieutenant and Mrs. Henry Allen Barris of this city are the parents of a son born December 10 at

# TABLE ROCK COUNCIL WILL ELECT TONIGHT

Table Rock Council No. 15, Royal and Select Masters, will hold their annual election and installation of officers in a meeting to be held at

# the Masonic temple this evening.

The election and installation ceremonies, which are conducted in one ceremony to end the present administration of officers, will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

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# Let's Talk It Over... Together!

It's getting mighty close to the time when we dust off the mantel and hang up the one remaining good stocking we have and hope that some Santa Claus or good Providence will give us a break.

Now if we could sit down together and talk this gift buying business over, we folks down at Penney's might be able to offer a solution. These days, when the pocketbook is as flat as the proverbial pancake it takes a heap of thinkin' to make a little money go all the way 'round so that none of the family are overlooked on Christmas morn.

Things ARE a heap better than they were, but as long as we are not clear out of the woods, let's make that little money bring back as much for each dollar as possible.

First there are a plenty of frilly things that would be "nice" to have around the house, but you just can't spend the money for. You know, what we mean, a lot of trinkets that look pretty, but don't mean much. Kinda "show-off" stuff. Well, listen, down here at Penney's we have eliminated all those things out of store-keeping, those frilly things that someone has to pay for, but really don't mean so much. We did that because after all, every time you buy something you would be the real fellow who paid for it. Get it? We have to think about our customers and better ways to serve them. That's our job.

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