TOY REPAIR DRIVE IS STARTED WITH FIRE HOUSE FEAST

Lady Lions Serve Fire Boys Chili Supper—Workshop And Fire Hall Are Toured.

A dinner to give a formal start and impetus to their toy reconstruction work was served for the city firemen at department headquarters last night by the Lady Lions.

It was a surprise chili feed that the women prepared for the men who today were to turn their entire attention to the rebuilding and repainting of discarded toys for new Christmas gifts for underprivileged children.

The Lady Lions and the firemen cooperate on the Christmas toy project. The women gather the old playthings and take them to the firemen's workshop, buy a large number of new dolls and dress the ones the firemen make over, and carry out the tremendous task of distributing the reconstructed toys a few days before Christmas.

Workshop Shown

After the dinner the Lady Lions were shown the workshop and the pile of old toys now on hand. They were also taken on a tour of the fire hall and shown how the firemen rush to their assigned posts when the alarm sounds. Chief Roy Elliott in a brief talk called attention to a number of fire hazards that should be carefully avoided.

Mrs. Lyle B. Thurman, president of the Lady Lions, presided. Other club members present were Mrs. Howard Bush, Mrs. Claude C. Holmes, Mrs. Earl A. Sims, Mrs. Claude C. Haggard, Mrs. Roy Elliott, Mrs Fred Lawrence, Mrs. Clifford C. Proctor, Mrs. Henry Zacharisen, Mrs. A. Boitano, Mrs. Orville Hoselton and Mrs. Ray Martl.

In addition to Chief Elliott, firemen attending were Edward Canoose, assistant chief, Claude Stevens, Fred Stevens, Howard Glascock, George Shreeve, Gordon Barker and Hiram Martin. Other guests were LeRoy Williams and Fred York, volunteer firemen, George Davis, ambulance driver, and Stanley Hamel, who entertained with accordion solos.

Gold Hill Ladies To Serve Dinner

Gold Hill, Nov. 25.—(Spl)—Turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church on Thursday evening from 6 until 8 o'clock, in their church dining room. A large crowd is anticipated and a very nominal price will be charged for the dinner. A fancy-work bazaar will be held at the same time.

Plums are generally used as pickle in Japan and almost every household has them.

JACKSON COUNTY ASSISTANCE COST SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Welfare Commission Meet Reveals Figures—805 Age Assistance Cases.

Cost of public assistance in Jackson county rose to $23,122.98 last month, this total comparing with $22,724.50 in September and $20,279.71 in October last year.

These figures were brought out in comparative statistical reports analyzed yesterday at the regular monthly meeting of the Jackson county public welfare commission in its offices at city hall.

Cost of general assistance last month rose slightly to $4,006.98 as compared with $3,801.50 in September and $3,688.61 in October a year ago, the reports showed. There has not, however, been any upward surge in general assistance as has been the case at this season in recent years, Blanch D. Lyman, administrator told the commission. Rising food costs have been a factor in welfare expenditures, she explained.

805 Age Cases

Old age assistance cases rose to 805 and cost $16,081 last month as compared with 804 cases and $16,000 in September and 697 cases and $13,738.10 in October last year. Nine old age cases were closed during the past month, seven through death and two by moving out of the county. At a recent meeting here, Elmer R. Goudy, state public welfare administrator, asserted there were too many old age cases pending and said liquor revenues, used in welfare work, had fallen below estimates, Mrs. Lyman told the commission. She indicated that a ceiling for old age cases here was in sight.

The government's food stamp plan has been working smoothly here, better among WPA workers than old age cases who are reluctant to increase food consumption, Mrs. Lyman said. There was a furore November 1 when work hours on the Medford municipal airport WPA project were reduced to the ordinary 130 after the men had been working 208 hours a month on special exemption in order to complete the runway paving before bad weather set in, she stated. This reduction in income upset the WPA workers and had a confusing effect on the stamp plan for the time being, she related.

Set Up Merit System

Mrs. Lyman explained the reclassification of all welfare commission workers under the state's new merit system and said everyone at the local office had sent in an application for the job each is now holding. She traced the plans that had been made to set up a state merit system for welfare workers in compliance with the federal social security board's wishes. Head of the merit system now established is Dr. E. H. Porter, Jr., whose parents reside here. It is expected that the first merit system examinations will be held in January.

Statistical reports for the three months follow:

October, 1941

General assistance:		
Families	103	$ 2,677.66
Singles	61	1,329.32
	164	$ 4,006.98
Old age assistance:		
Cases	805	$16,081.00
Aid to dependent children:		
Cases	81	
(Children 184)		$ 2,708.00
Blind assistance:		
Cases	13	$ 327.00
		$23,122.98

September 1941

General assistance:		
Families	106	$ 2,751.06
Singles	53	1,050.44
	159	$ 3,801.50
Old age assistance:		
Cases	804	$16,000.00
Aid to dependent children:		
Cases	81	
(Children 181)		$2,596.00
Blind assistance:		
Cases	13	$ 327.00
		$22,724.50

October, 1940

General assistance:		
Families	116	$ 2,280.83
Singles	85	1,407.78
	201	$ 3,688.61
Old age assistance:		
Cases	697	$13,738.10
Aid to dependent children:		
Cases	85	
(Children 187)		$ 2,589.00
Blind assistance:		
Cases	10	$ 264.00
		$20,279.71

Reason for Smile

Alfred Leon Miller, Jr., 9, whose smile two years ago won nation-wide attention because it was so friendly and appealing that surgeons turned at the last minute against a decision to amputate his leg, injured in an accident, isn't quite satisfied with his football punting. The Liberty, Mo., boy will have an operation Nov. 30 "to fix up the ligaments" in the leg. "The only trouble is," he explained, "I can get it down, but when I kick a football I can't get it up far enough for a good punt."

ARMY RELEASES TWO MEDFORDITES

Fort Lewis, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Among men of the 41st division released from active military duty according to the priority system announced by the war department to be returned this week to their local board of origin or their unit rendezvous, are:

Grants Pass—Sgt. Rulo M. Roberts.

Medford—Corp. Edward D. Smith, Pvt. Donald J. Spencer.

Smith and Spencer were members of Company A, 186th infantry, the former Oregon national guard company headquartered here.

250 Skin Grafts Restore Health To Critically Burned Local Boy; Story of Recovery Told Firemen

Twelve-year-old Stanley Hamel entertained with accordion solos at a dinner given for city firemen at the fire hall last night by the Lady Lions.

Last May there were grave doubts whether Stanley would live and if so whether he would ever be anything but an invalid. Stanley, it will be recalled was the youngster who was critically burned from the waist up on Sunday afternoon May 4 when he used a cup of gasoline to start a fire in the kitchen stove at the residence of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doty of 208 Tripp street, with whom he made his home. Even the inside of Stanley's mouth was seared.

A couple of days after the horrible accident, Mrs. Theodore Florey, the neighbor residing at 624 East Ninth street to whom Stanley, suffering terribly from the burns and shock, had run for help telephoned Fire Chief Roy Elliott and asked if he couldn't make a book shelf so that Stanley might prop a book on it and read while he lay in pain on the hospital bed. The chief went to see the boy. He returned to the fire hall and told the firemen he didn't think Stanley would need a book-stand long. Nevertheless the book-stand was made. The chief called upon the boy daily and became impressed with his grit and his painful effort to smile a grateful grin. The chief took him some ice cream. The two became buddies.

Chief Elliott got together with the boy's doctor and fellow Shriners. Arrangements were made to send Stanley to the Shrine hospital for Crippled Children in Portland. At that time the youngster could scarcely move any part of his upper body. He couldn't raise his arms at all.

Last night Chief Elliott told this story for the first time. He called upon Stanley to tell what he wanted to say about the accident. In simple straightforward manner the boy told of being in the Shrine hospital two months and 11 days, of receiving 250 skin grafts. He's going back soon again for more treatment, for he still can't raise his right arm quite high enough to satisfy the surgeons. Otherwise Stanley is restored to normal health. If he and the chief hadn't told their stories, no one at the dinner last night would have known that Stanley had been the victim of a searing gasoline fire. Good medical care here, surgical miracles at the Shrine hospital in Portland not only saved his life but restored Stanley to a normal boy.

To Stanley, Chief Elliott is "my pal." The youngster ended his simple, little talk last night with a straightforward admonition from the heart.

"Don't," he said, "don't ever start a fire with gasoline."

Nubian Goat Herd On Sardine Creek

Gold Hill, Nov. 26.—(Spl)—Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Humrick, formerly of near Grants Pass, have purchased a ranch on Sardine creek and have moved their herd of 235 Egyptian Nubian goats there. These goats are said to be held sacred in Egypt and are believed to be the only ones of their kind in this country.

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