

17 Medford Girls Enlisted As Navy Yeomanettes When World War Flared in 1917

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It was a great day around Medford some 26 years ago when the girls flocked from telephone and telegraph offices and other business places to lend a hand to Uncle Sam's navy.

They were the Yeomanettes, and 17 of them left the comforts of their homes to accept rank alongside the sailorboys at Bremerton navy yard. Four of these patriotic individuals are still residing in Medford. With feminine effort in the military and naval phases of the present war, getting a good deal of attention, these women were induced to be a little reminiscent, and have come up with the conclusion that "the WAACs and the WAVES have nothing on us!"

In fact, the Yeomanettes have reason to be proud because they pioneered in the field of naval service.

Great Experience
"None of us would have missed our experiences for anything," said Mrs. Maude Tunnell Edwards, public stenographer here, who was one of those answering the sudden and desperate call of the recruiting officer here for women to fill positions of trust in the navy.

Mrs. Edwards, who served as a stenographer, and was rated as a chief petty officer, went as a secretary to a naval group on an inspection trip to Anchorage, where the navy owned coal fields. The group visited Kodiak island and experienced travel by dog team. "We were shown every courtesy in the world," Mrs. Edwards said.

The Yeomanettes were the first women to serve in the armed forces on an equal footing with the men. They were needed for clerical work and were enlisted on the basis of the salaries they received in civil life. Later they took examinations for higher ratings.

Housing Scarce
They didn't find living quarters comfortable, particularly when eight girls shared two attic rooms at sixty dollars a month between them. Food was high, and tears of homesickness came often. Some of the girls confessed wishing they hadn't taken to the ways of the navy. But they didn't let their difficulties affect their work as Yeomanettes.

Mrs. Josephine Clark Jerome, still holding the position with the Jackson County Abstract Co. which she left to become a sailorette, recalled that it wasn't all work at Bremerton.

"We went to the Friday night dances at the armory in the navy yard, and saw programs given by professional entertainers from all over the world. There was dancing, reading, and swimming for the sailors at the Knights of Columbus hall outside of the yard, and we got in on that, too," Mrs. Jerome said.

Marched in Parades
The girls formed a special display company, parading in all of the liberty bond drives, and they were invited to the state fair in Washington with all expenses paid. They joined rowing crews, and competed with the navy girls at University of Washington. Mrs. Jerome went as a typist in the supply department, and received a rating as a chief petty officer.

Miss Bernice Cameron, retired a few years ago from management of the Postal Telegraph office in Medford, also left her post for the trek to Bremerton, and recalled that the girls left Medford April 13, 1917, just six days after war was declared. Miss Cameron served in the telegraph office at the navy yard, achieving a chief petty officer's rating, as did Mrs. Helen Hammond Minkler, who served as a stenographer. Mrs. Minkler retired three months ago after 22 years of service with California Oregon Power company.

Mrs. J. K. Hoey of this city, state vice-president of Parent-Teacher association, also was a Yeomanette at Bremerton, serving as a stenographer, and achieving a chief petty officer's rating. The majority of enlistees at the yards were from Portland and Eugene.

Romance Highlight
It would appear that romance highlighted the lives of the sailorettes, and several of the local women married naval men.

The Yeomanettes, formally listed as Yeomen (F) N. S. N. R. F., were given a four-year provisional enlistment, length of their service to depend on duration of the war. Most of the local women served two years. Besides clerical jobs, the girls did drafting work and recruiting of other women.

The Yeomen (F) had the privilege of transferring to civil service after the war, but most of them preferred returning to private life.

They have full membership in the American Legion, and enjoy federal hospitalization rights. Seattle maintains an active post known as Yeoman (F) Naval Post 4.

The girls wore attractive blue Norfolk uniforms with white sailor blouse, black neckerchief, dark blue cape, and dark blue velvet hat with "U. S. N. R. F." on the band. Shoes were high-topped and laced, with black hose and skirts reached eight inches from the floor.

Girls From Medford

Other girls from Medford and vicinity who gave their services at Bremerton were Mabel Evans Stuart, now residing in Bremerton; Ada Evans Schelf, Evelyn Taylor Johnson, now of Portland; Ione Caughran, now in Washington, who will be remembered as having won a Ford car in a contest shortly before leaving; Gretchen Puhl, then of Jacksonville; Mildred Bliton Dodge, Mollie Towne, then of Phoenix, who was well known in politics; Ruby Burke, then a Medford telephone operator, who now lives in San Diego; Bertha Loftus, Ruby Jewell Bailey Rians, now of Jacksonville; Edna Barrell, now residing in Seattle; Pauline Greaves, now Mrs. T. R. Limbocher of Seattle, and Gladys Curry, wife of Captain H. A. Stanley of San Francisco. Mrs. Stanley has a son who is an ensign in the navy and another son in naval aviation.

MOTORISTS MUST EXHIBIT STICKERS

Oregon motorists must display their A, B, C or other gasoline stickers on their windshields when driving into a service station to get gasoline, the state OPA office emphasized today.

Motorists will not be able to use their class A, B, C, T-1 or T-2 coupon books unless the corresponding stickers are conspicuously displayed at all times, the OPA declares. However, if a motorist gets a ration in addition to a class A ration, he doesn't have to display any sticker except the one for the higher allotment, OPA says.

A, B, C and D coupons must be endorsed on the back with the car license number and state. E, R and bulk coupons must be endorsed on the back with the name and address of the user, the OPA says, and T coupons must bear the war certificate number or fleet name.

To clear up misunderstandings which have arisen, OPA repeats that the coupon values of the various types of ration are as follows: A, 4 gallons; B, 4 gallons; C, 4 gallons; D, 1½ gallons; E, 1 gallon; R, 5 gallons, and T, 5 gallons.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Dec. 8.—(Sp.)—Mrs. John Essman and daughter Darlene and Mr. Essman's mother were overnight guests at the Wilmer Bailey home on Wednesday while en route to Olympia, Wash. They expected the funeral of "Scoop" Essman to be held at Olympia on Saturday.

Ted Ritter of Klamath Falls has been visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ritter, and daughter, JoAnn.

Mrs. Lella Shoemaker and son have moved into the Livingston store and service station. They have lived in the barber shop building where Mrs. Shoemaker operated a lunch counter for the past few years.

Mrs. Wilbur Martin left Thursday for Portland to visit relatives for several days.

Corp. Stewart Chisholm, stationed with the air corps in Florida, is enjoying a furlough here with relatives and friends.

Harold Colvin of Ashland, formerly of this city, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Everett Bowers and two children of Rogue River visited her mother, Mrs. George Reames and family, on Friday and at

tended the school play Friday evening. Mrs. Bowers is a graduate of the local high school.

Mrs. Mary Chisholm received word last week of the death of her sister, Mrs. Belle Cullimore of Lenois City, Tenn. Mrs. Cullimore visited her sister here several years ago.

Amethyst Rebekah lodge met Dec. 2 and plans were made to hold the annual Christmas party at next meeting, Dec. 16, when Odd Fellows will be guests and everyone is asked to bring an inexpensive gift for exchange.

Rebekahs are asked to bring cookies for refreshments.

Mrs. Eugene Brown left last week for San Francisco to spend several days.

Garden club met Dec. 4 in W. R. C. hall when final plans were made for the annual Christmas

tree and party to be held in the hall Dec. 18, commencing at 1 o'clock. Members and guests are asked to bring "weedy friend" gifts or exchange gifts. Members will bring cookies and refreshments will be served following the gift exchange, instead

of a pot-luck dinner, as on former occasions. All members are urged to meet in the hall on Dec. 15 to help with the making of garlands for use in decorating for a Christmas party at the hospital at Camp White. The club is also asking for small packages to

be donated for the same party at the hospital, and it was suggested that a couple of coat hangers, attractively wrapped, would make a welcome gift.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m.—To late to classify 12:30 p. m.

SAFeway Homemakers' Guide

Homemakers! Here are ten ways you can help the war effort and help yourself too!



Do All Your Shopping at Safeway—Prices Good All Week!

- (1) Plan your buying carefully ... to save shopping trips.
- (2) Buy only what you need.
- (3) Check and compare values.
- (4) Read labels.
- (5) Buy what is plentiful.
- (6) Make it last.
- (7) Keep up-to-date.
- (8) Do things yourself.
- (9) Use all of nature's food.
- (10) Buy war bonds and stamps out of your current income.

Corn Meal	Albers Yellow 9-lb. sack	35c
Oats	Albers Quick or regular, 9-lb. bag	45c
Edward's Coffee	1-lb. pkgs.	26c
Coffee	Nob Hill, 1-lb. pkg.	25c
CANADA DRY		
Sparkling Water	quart size	20c
Olives	Lindsay giant, No. 1 can	23c
Egg Noodles	Sunrise, 14-oz. pkg.	17c
Kraft Cheese	2-lb. loaf	74c
	Velveta, American, Brick, Swiss, or Pimento	
Syrup	Sleepy Hollow, 12-oz. glass	16c
GARDENSIDE		
Tomatoes	No. 2½ for can	27c

SAFeway GUARANTEED MEATS

Veal Crown Roasts	...lb.	27c
Breast of Veal	...lb.	19c
Veal Shoulder Steak	...lb.	33c
Veal Chops	...lb.	39c
Sliced Halibut	...lb.	35c
Sliced Salmon	...lb.	35c
Oysters, Grade A	...pt.	49c
Sauer Kraut, bulk kraut, qt.		15c
Wiensers, delicious with kraut	...lb.	30c
Bologna, Frankfurters, Liver Sausage	...lb.	27c
Beef Roasts, blade cuts	...lb.	30c
Boiling Beef, brisket cuts	...lb.	17c
Sirloin Steak	...lb.	37c



BAKING NEEDS

It is fun to bake at home if you are well supplied with the proper mixings. Check the money savers listed below and treat your family to real made-at-home goodies.

Flour	Kitchen 49-lb. sack	1.79
	24½-lb. sack 95c	
Flour	Drifted Snow, 24½-lb. sack	1.05
	49-lb. sack 1.95	
Flour	Gold Medal 24½-lb. sack	1.19
Flour	Harvest Blossom, 49-lb. sack	1.57
Graham Flour	Peacock, 10-lb. sacks	43c
	Fine or coarse	
Bisquick Flour	40-oz. pkg.	35c
Buckwheat Flour	lrg. pkg.	26c
	Peacock, Small pkg. 13c	
Salt	Maximum, Plain or Iodized, 28-oz. pkgs.	8c
Marshmallow	CREME, 12-oz. glass	24c
	Kidd's	
Oleomargarine	1-lb. pkg.	19c
	Sunny Bank, 2-lb. pkg. 37c	
Bread	Julia Lee Wright, 1½-lb. loaf	13c

Peanut Butter	2-lb. jar	49c
	Real Roast	
Apple Butter	Libby's, 32-oz. glass	24c
Cranberry Sauce	17-oz. can	15c
	West Peak	
DUCHESSE		
Salad Dressing	32-oz. bottle	38c
NALLEY'S TANG		
Salad Dressing	32-oz. jar	41c
Peanut Clusters	1-lb. pkg.	27c
DOROTHY DUNCAN		
Chocolates	2-lb. box	1.05
Matches	Searchlight, carton	27c
Sani-Flush	22-oz. can	21c
Pal Dog Food	Small or large, pkg.	17c
RALEIGH		
Cigarettes	Plain, 2 pkgs. cork	26c
	Carton, 1.28	

GUARANTEED-FRESH PRODUCE

Celery	Utah, fresh, crisp	lb. 12c
SWEET SPANISH		
Onions		3 lbs. 11c
TEXAS PINK		
Grapefruit		lb. 9c
Banana		
SQUASH		lb. 3½c



Lookie — Lookie COOKIES!

Youngsters love big, soft, puffy, drop cookies—especially with milk after school. And chances are oldsters go for them, too—any size, shape or kind.

Cookies pack easily in lunch boxes, are delightful to serve when guests drop in, and are tasty for just plain munching. They're good for you, too. So how's your cookie supply? We think the two recipes given below are tempties—real wartime specials and treats for your favorite cookie jar. Why not try them today.



PRALINE BUTTER PUFFS (They magically disappear)

1½ cups flour ¼ cup white sugar
¼ cup brown sugar, firmly packed ½ cup finely chopped pecan or walnut meats
¼ teaspoon salt ½ cup butter Powdered sugar

Sift flour, measure and sift again with brown sugar and salt. Cream butter and add flour mixture gradually, creaming after each addition. Melt white sugar in heavy frying pan, heating until golden brown, stirring constantly. Add nut meats and pour into well-greased drip pan (9x12½x2). When hard, crush fine with rolling pin. Add to cookie dough, mixing thoroughly. Form dough into small balls. Bake in moderately hot oven (400° F.) for 15 minutes or until done. Remove from oven, cool slightly about 3 minutes, roll in generous amount of powdered sugar. When cold roll again in powdered sugar. Makes 3 dozen cookies, ¾-inch in diameter.



JEWEL BARS (Cookie jar gems)

2 cups flour 4 eggs
1 tsp. baking powder 2 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp. cinnamon ½ cup finely cut gum ¼ cup chopped walnut meats
1½ cups finely cut gum drops

Sift flour and measure. Sift again with baking powder and cinnamon. Sprinkle dry ingredients over gum drops. Beat eggs until light; add brown sugar and mix well. Stir in flour and gum drop mixture and add nut meats. Bake in two well-greased shallow square pans (8x8x2) in moderate oven (350° F.) for about 20 minutes or until done. Cut in bars (1x3 inches) while hot. Cool. Remove from pan and roll in powdered sugar. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Simple ideas for effective holiday decorating and easy-to-prepare refreshments for Yuletide callers are explained in detail in this week's Family Circle Magazine. A new issue out every Thursday and free at Safeway.



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JULIA LEE WRIGHT, Director

Buy Bonds: TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEARS! Buy Stamps!

SUE KNOWS HOW TO PICK A WINNER!

THERE'S SOME MORE ABOUT MEAT RATIONING IN THE NEW PAPER. ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

YOU KNOW I'M INTERESTED! IN FACT I'M DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT RIGHT THIS MINUTE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT NOW—ALL YOU ARE DOING IS HANGING WITH YOUR RECIPE FILE.

THAT'S JUST WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTS US WOMEN TO DO. PLAN MEALS THAT MAKE MEAT GO FARTHER.

PICKING OUT MEALS TO MAKE MEAT GO FARTHER... FOR PETE'S SAKE! I DON'T GET IT! I EXPLAIN IT IN ENGLISH!

THE GOVERNMENT WANTS EVERYONE TO WANT THEMSELVES TO 2½ POUNDS OF MEAT PER WEEK. MEAT LOAF ONCE-IN-A-WHILE... DO YOU SEE THE LIGHT?

ON PREPARING MENUS FOR ALL OF NEXT WEEK SO I'LL BE SURE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT 100%—AND STILL HAVE ALL THE ENJOYMENT FROM MEAT THAT WE NEED. I BUY ALL OF MY MEAT AT SAFEWAY TO BE SURE OF TOP QUALITY. NOW—ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, DEAR?

HONEY—WE CAN'T LOSE WITH WOMEN LIKE YOU TO RUN THE "HOME FRONT"

Meat for Victory

Your Government has requested that you and your family eat no more than 2½ pounds of meat per person weekly. Let's all cooperate. Buy no more than your family's share... for Victory.

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