

VFW AUXILIARY PAYS TRIBUTE TO DECEASED

Registration of Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary members continued Friday morning as the 22nd encampment of VFW entered its third day. A full program greeted auxiliary delegates starting at 7:30 o'clock with the past president's and president's breakfast at the Elk hotel and the business session at the armory at 8:30. The impressive memorial service honoring those auxiliary members who have died during the past year, was a feature of the morning.

Department President Ethel Keck appointed the following committees at the Thursday afternoon session which also heard the reports of officers. Following is the list:

Credentials: Mildred Wiltshire, chairman; Gladys Lofdahl, Alta Thompson.

Resolutions: Florence Newsum, chairman; Ida Crandall, Anna Woodworth.

Department hospital: Helen Small, chairman; Ella Mullin, Iva Blackwell.

Officers report: Hazel Walton, chairman; Katherine Yates, Lina McIntyre.

Publicity: Marie Dana, chairman; Naomi Kurtz.

Greetings: Laurie Schertle, Ethel Keck.

Auditing: Delta Kruger, Julia Dewey, Marie Dana.

Pages: Oma Briggs, Jane Nickerson, Alice Trappitt, Georgia Uggie.

Reports of the resolutions and credentials committees were to be heard Friday afternoon with adjournment slated for 5 o'clock. The evening will be turned over to the parade, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Election of officers will be held Saturday morning at an auxiliary session scheduled to open at 8 o'clock at the armory.

Kennerly Visits Parents in K. F.

Three army trainer planes which roared over Klamath Falls Wednesday night and Thursday morning brought a party including Byron Kennerly, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kennerly, which stayed over night in this city. Kennerly is now a first lieutenant and is instructing at Mathews field, Sacramento. He formerly was with the American Eagle squadron in England. He will spend the coming weekend with his parents, returning from Sacramento where he flew Thursday.

The enemy's strength, at best, is at its peak. Ours grows every day. He can only increase his material resources by hard and costly fighting. We have resources ready at hand that only await final development.—Lord Halifax, British ambassador to United States.

The rain falls on the just and unjust—especially on the just pressed suit.



OR W. A. A. C.—Inga Lindvold wears the official overcoat of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at a Washington, D.C., showing. The material is 16-ounce covert cloth, according to war department specifications. The Auxiliary Corps' work will free soldiers for combat.

Lead Auxiliary Groups



Mrs. Ethel Keck, left, department president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, and Mrs. Laurie Schertle, Oakland, past national department president, are here to attend the 22nd VFW encampment.

VFW Auxiliary Head Gives Vivid Picture of Shelling

Seaside folks weren't what you'd call alarmed by the raid on the northern Oregon coast last Sunday night, but they were mightily annoyed, according to Department President Ethel Keck, Seaside resident who is here to conduct the business of the VFW auxiliary at the 22nd annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. Keck described the attack, which she said occurred at 11:30 p. m. with Seaside as well as Fort Stevens "ablaze with light."

"Our home is right on the water," Mrs. Keck stated in her vivacious manner. "All of a sudden we heard the firing. Like everyone else we thought it was the big guns at Fort Stevens. We learned differently in a moment or two when nine five-inch shells fell on the sand dunes of Clatsop beach.

"Everyone rushed to their porches to watch. There would be a sound, then a burst of orange colored flame, and then the shaking of the earth," Mrs. Keck described.

Immediately after the attack there was a complete blackout on the coast. The army closed off the coast section the next morning.

Instead of sending people scattering home from the coast resort, the highway was filled with people anxious to see the work of the shells.

Mrs. Keck analyzed the feelings of Seaside residents, all of whom, she said, were laughing at the shelling of the sand dunes.

Another interesting Klamath visitor is Laurie Schertle of Oakland, past national department president and making her fourth encampment within just a few weeks. Mrs. Schertle is representing the national office which she previously held, and will continue south this weekend.

"I have been amazed and certainly well pleased at the amount of work my auxiliary members have achieved since the beginning of the war," Mrs. Schertle stated. "They are doing outstanding work in all fields of defense, from actual employment in the defense industries to Red Cross and other agencies where they give countless free hours. I find the west coast war-minded, indeed, and especially our veterans' organizations are on their toes. Especially am I proud of the bond and stamp buying of our groups."

WAR QUIZ

1. He is in the American army and is evidently a clerical gentleman. The insignia with its numerals from 1 to 10 should give you a clue. What is his job?



2. When an American sailor refers to a mate as a "pelican," does he mean that he is very fond of fish or that he is a hearty eater?

3. June 2, 1784, marks an important date in the history of the young American army. Was it reviewed as a whole by George Washington, or was it formally constituted by congress or was it discharged as a standing army as inconsistent with a republic in time of peace?

(Answers on Page 4)

Anyone is a good sport and willing to stand a full share of any necessary cut—so long as there is reasonable assurance he is not being a sucker for the smart boys that might have an in or be willing to take a chance.—George A. Renard, secretary National Association of Purchasing Agents.

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Joe Rogers Describes Fight As It Looked Below Deck

(Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of five stories about the experiences of Klamath county youths who survived the sinking of the aircraft carrier Lexington in the battle of the Coral sea on May 8. Previous stories have been by Jack Walt, Wesley Vancey, and Weston Norman of Klamath Falls, and Norman King of Merrill. Today's interview tells the story of Joe Rogers of Malin.)

By RUTH KING

MALIN—"I was down on station in the dynamo flat below when the shelling began. We knew we were going into a fight. At first the main control reported that the enemy was 80 miles off, then 20 miles and then that they were coming in."

That was about 11 o'clock, according to Joe Rogers, of the engineering unit of the USS Lexington in the Coral sea. Rogers is here on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rogers of Malin, and his sis-

ter, Mrs. Virgil Morrow of Merrill.

"There were six men on my position and it was our job to help furnish power for the ship. With the first three hits on the portside, the ship seemed to lift right up in the water and then listed maybe seven degrees, but in 10 minutes she was on an even keel again.

"We steamed away at about 20 or 25 knots an hour and seemed to be doing pretty good. Then after about three hours we heard several explosions. That was about 2 o'clock I think, but that may be an hour or so off for we didn't look at our watches. Then the lights went out. Shortly after, the blowers went out too, and it began to get really hot.

"When you are on the equality, the temperature is usually around 120 to 130 degrees, but with the blowers gone she went up to 150 or 160. You get used to heat like that and don't mind it. Some ships got a lot hotter than that.

Stayed Down

"We had flashlights so we stayed down until the hatch was opened from above. It has to be opened from the outside and anyway steam pipes close to the opening made it so hot we couldn't have opened it from our side. There wasn't any hysteria. Everyone was alert and knew there was trouble but no one got panicky. We are always doing exciting things on board ship.

"I never did hear the order to abandon ship. We had our life jackets on and when we went topside there was a lot of black smoke rolling around but no flames yet. Somebody broke out a lot of ice cream and I stopped to eat some. Mine was vanilla. In a few minutes I went down the line into a boat and never was in the water at all. We were taken aboard a destroyer and stayed about a mile away from the burning Lexington.

Nothing Saved

"Of course none of us saved anything at all. Everyone in my division was saved. I never saw a bit of the actual battle.

Most of the fellows killed were gunners.

"We were about 25 days returning to port, and I report back at 8 a. m., June 27. The Lex was the first boat I was assigned to and I don't know what my next station will be."

"Sure, I want to go back," Rogers ended.

Rogers enlisted March 5, 1940, at Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated from high school at Sapulpa, Kas. He is 24 years old and has visited his family here several times.

While here he shed his uniform for jeans and his high school sweater, and Wednesday was turning out woodwork on a lathe at the shop of the Merrill high school where his brother-in-law will be employed next year.

Defense Enrollees Will See Film

Civilian defense enrollees will attend the showing of a sound film Friday evening at the Vox theatre, it was announced by A. L. Gralapp, director of training.

There will be two showings,

one at 8 p. m., and the other at 9:10 p. m. Identification card for civilian defense work will admit those attending. The audience is restricted to enrollees in the civilian defense program.

Leo Moll Struck By Flying Rock

Leo Moll, 30, employed by Ivory Pine company at Bly, is recovering from a painful injury at Klamath Valley hospital. Moll was struck in the eye by a flying rock Wednesday afternoon.

Attending physicians found it necessary to remove pieces of shattered glass from his eye. Moll was wearing glasses at the time he was injured. He was admitted to the hospital at 3 p. m.

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