

5000 SERVICE MEN VISIT USO OVER HOLIDAY

At least 5000 service men and women spent a part of Christmas at the USO center on Main street where various organizations in the city labored to bring the holiday spirit to those people away from home.

On Sunday the junior chamber of commerce took over the serving at the center and Monday, Christmas Day, the Masons, Eastern Star lodges and the Catholic women served breakfast until 5 o'clock in the morning.

Close to 200 men and women were invited to spend Christmas in private homes in Klamath Falls and only four families' requests were not filled, the USO stated.

Both Sunday and Monday evenings beautifully arranged buffet suppers were served at the USO and Sunday seven hams were carved from the tables. Turkey was the order on Monday.

Noticeable at the center over Christmas were the families, wives and children of service men, who were together for the first time in many months. Several of the fathers, stationed at nearby installations, were seeing their infant sons and daughters for the first time, and the USO center became their home for the day.

Canucks Take Canale Naviglio

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP)—Canadian troops, striking out from their bridgehead over the Canale Naviglio on the Adriatic flank of the Italian front, have captured Rossetta, 10 miles northwest of allied-held Ravenna, headquarters announced today.

The Canadians were reported to have pushed on a short distance beyond Rosetta to within two miles of Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND CLAIMS 366 LIVES

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killed in automobile smashups. The national safety council's estimate for the period from midnight Friday to today was about 273 motor vehicle fatalities. In 1943, the Christmas holiday traffic toll was 216 of the total of 339 violent deaths.

Plane crashes, fires, falls, shootings, drowning and other violent forms of death were reported throughout the country as the nation observed the long weekend rest period.

Plane Smashups

Three separate plane smashups cost the lives of 29 persons, including 10 soldiers in an army transport flying to Minneapolis who were killed when the ship crashed near Harrisburg, Pa. Five other army fliers lost their lives in a plane crash at Ridgeley, Tenn., while five servicemen were killed in a crash of a transport plane near Indianapolis.

Of the total violent deaths, 94 were recorded as from miscellaneous causes, 59 resulting from fires and one from weather. By state, California reported the most number of fatalities—47, including 35 traffic deaths. Pennsylvania ranked second with 27, and New York, third with 22.

Merrill

Women of the Moose, Merrill chapter, No. 18, met December 19 with eight officers in the chairs.

Five candidates, Violet Kunz, Geneva Vansell, Donna Hodges, Eleanor Noel and Francis Hunting were initiated.

Mrs. Connie Hughey, chairman of the Moosehaven committee, was in charge of the program.

The lodge is sponsoring a Christmas party for members and their children in the grade school gymnasium the evening of Friday, December 22.

Della Martin, youngest daughter of Mrs. William Arnold and Harry Martin, is home from the University of Oregon for the Christmas holiday season. She is majoring in chemistry. The family received word this week of the recent serious illness of their oldest daughter, Vivian, in New York City where she has been teaching at Columbia university. Her marriage was to have been an event of November 25, and a few hours prior to the date she was stricken with an attack of infantile paralysis. Recent word from the east indicated that she is improving.

Louise Fotheringham, daughter of Mrs. Harriet Fotheringham, arrived home Wednesday from Woodland, Calif., where she is teaching. The family will have Christmas dinner with Mrs. Fotheringham's daughter, Mrs. William Colt and family in Klamath Falls.

Waiter Fotheringham has purchased the blacksmith shop owned by Fred Faus and plans at some future date to remodel it for a cabinet shop.

Mrs. Edith DeLap, Salt Lake City, will arrive this week to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Scott McKendree and family.

Robert Trotman, freshman at the University of Oregon, is home for the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank E. Trotman.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Heaton, formerly Merrill residents who left here about two years ago for the bay area, have returned to Merrill to resume management of their service station. Mr. and Mrs. Denson, who have been in charge, left recently for the Willamette valley.

Heaton was employed as a machinist for a time at Vallejo where Mrs. Heaton was employed in the post office. More recently they have been at Minersville in California.

Tulelake

Florence Staunton, junior at Stanford university, will arrive home next week to spend a two-week vacation during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Webb Staunton.

Mrs. Byrd C. Heltz, manager of the Marchas theater, has announced plans for her annual Christmas party for school children, to be presented Friday morning, December 22, at 10 a. m. A film feature planned especially for children will be shown.

Christmas vacation for pupils at Carr school will begin Friday, December 22, with classes to be resumed January 2. Children will present a Christmas program at 9 p. m. on the closing day.

New Cold Wave Hits Midwest

By The Associated Press

A new cold wave with bitter below zero temperatures hit the Midwest today. The mercury plunged far below the zero reading in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, northern and central Illinois, northern Indiana, upper Michigan and portions of Ohio.

Rockford, Ill., 75 miles northwest of Chicago, reported 22 below as the coldest on the Chicago weather bureau's map.

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GERMANS WIPE OUT ST. WITH STRONGHOLD

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from the Meuse and 14 from the jutting northeast corner of France. Cizey and Celles are six miles apart.

The security news cloak covered any further progress these thrusts may have made since Sunday night. At latest reports a battle was raging in this general area, with the Germans building up forces west of Rochefort and south of Marche. The deep Sunday gains came after the invaders had been held almost to a standstill for 48 hours.

Allied planes hit again today at the German columns, and up to noon the ninth tactical air force alone had destroyed six tanks, six armored vehicles and 237 motor vehicles, besides downing 22 enemy planes.

Officers Killed In B-29 Crash

21ST U. S. BOMBER COMMAND, Saipan, Dec. 3 (Delayed AP)—The second B-29 downed in air combat over Tokyo carried two colonels, a major and nine others to almost certain death today.

Those lost included Col. Byron Elias Brugge, 35, son-in-law of the late Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, Col. Richard Thomas King Jr., 36, and Maj. Robert Flood Goldsworthy, 27, of Rosalia, Wash., the pilot.

Republics of America to Meet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP) Foreign minister of the American republics—except Argentina—will meet prior to a united nations conference on world security.

This was learned today from a high official who would not be quoted by name. Time and place for the meeting will be disclosed within the next few days.

Malin

Mrs. Charles E. Blake, faculty member in the Malin high school will leave December 21 for Richmond, Calif., called by the serious illness of her father, John Le Grand. She will remain over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kalina, Springfield, will arrive here to spend Christmas with Kalina's parents, Mayor and Mrs. A. Kalina who will be hosts at a family dinner on Christmas Day. Places will be marked for the guests from Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Wilde, Mr. and Mrs. Vaelav Kalina and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kalina and children and for the hosts.

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'Robin Hood' Victim Kills Self

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Oscar H. Gropper, 57, owner of a leather goods firm where a secretary recently was accused of "Robin Hood" thefts to give employees pay raises, plunged to his death today from his ninth floor hotel suite, police reported.

Gropper left notes to his wife and his attorney, police said, in which he had written: "Thefts have ruined me."

He was head of Gropper, Inc., from which Mrs. Madeline Dunnigan, 22, was accused on December 8 of taking between \$30,000 and \$40,000. She is under arrest on a charge of grand larceny.

Assistant District Attorney Francis X. Clark said that Mrs. Dunnigan told him she increased one fellow employee's salary from \$30 to \$55 a week, and another from \$3 to \$15 a day. One friend received \$25 weekly, and Mrs. Dunnigan, who earned \$40 a week, used some of the money to purchase clothes for herself, Clark said.

HOSE BAG

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Boyd Rogers, daughters of Gov. Forrest C. Donnell, asked for two pairs of hose at a department store and received a paper bag from the clerk.

Returning home, she found the store had been frantically looking for her. Inside the bag supposed to contain the hose was \$1000 of the store's money.

YANK PLANES, SHIPS BLAST JAP ISLE BASE

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Iwo's coastal defenses, and that shore batteries "offered some" return fire.

He added that none of the American vessels was damaged.

Vessel Sunk

A Japanese destroyer escort vessel was caught by the raiders and sunk by shellfire. Also destroyed were an enemy patrol craft and a medium landing ship.

The heavy bombers were escorted by Lightning fighters, which strafed Iwo Jima's airstrips and harassed shore defenses. Opposition was light, one enemy plane was destroyed on the ground and six others damaged. Anti-aircraft fire was meager.

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Former Klamath Man Dies In Medford

Worth (Mack) McVey died suddenly in Medford on Saturday evening. He was aged about 76 years at the time of his death.

He formerly owned a fox farm four miles north of Modoc Point, and made many friends in Klamath county during the time he was here.

McVey is survived by two sons, one who is living in Bremerton, Wash., and the other in San Diego.

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vasion October 20, and a total of 27 warships and 41 transports sunk as 10 convoys seeking to reinforce the besieged Leyte garrison were smashed. The totals did not include enemy losses in the naval battle of Leyte gulf October 25.

SWEET MAIL

HEADQUARTERS THIRTY-FIRST DIVISION, MOROTAI ISLAND, Dec. 26 (AP)—Never was the mail from home any sweeter than that received recently by an infantry outpost of this "Dixie" division.

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