

USO Travelers' Aid Service In Klamath Falls To Be Closed As Need Diminishes

By EDNA KAHLE

The decision of the West Coast regional office of the United Service Organizations to withdraw the local Travelers' Aid Service unit was approved last night at a meeting of the USO operations committee, Chairman Clarence Humble announced today.

This action followed a report by Beverly Richardson, director of the local USO-TAS unit, presenting the results of a recent survey made in Klamath Falls by Miss Richardson and Adelaide McCready, assistant regional supervisor of the National Travelers' Aid association. A series of conferences with community leaders and military officials indicated that there is no longer an urgent need for Travelers' Aid service.

Pressure Declines

Miss Richardson stated, "War-time pressure on the Klamath community has declined sharply. Since the local USO-TAS was established to help meet an over-load brought about by the war, the expenditure of USO funds to maintain the unit is no longer justified. The work the unit is now doing demonstrates the possible future need for a community-financed Travelers' Aid society."

She added that the USO's desire to administer its funds in the wisest possible way for the benefit of the greatest number is indicated by the closure of small units such as the local operation.

The Klamath Falls unit opened its office at 627 Pine, April 25, 1945. Travelers' Aid services given since the opening of the unit number nearly 3000. Over 100 cases required special planning either with small loans, or with special travel service. The balance was information and direction service in the location of temporary housing and information about community resources.

Special Work

Special work with women detained in the city jail was undertaken by the unit and plans for returning the girls to their homes or establishing them in employment, were worked out. This work will now be assumed by the local welfare commission.

At the request of Marine Barracks officials the information desk which the USO club, will be continued under local supervision. The 14 local women trained for work at this desk will continue to serve there. In speaking of this group, Miss Richardson said, "We could not have given the community as many or as varied a number of services without the help of our resourceful and able volunteer workers."

This group consists of Avis N. Young, Mary Woodhouse, Charlotte B. Marshall, Marguerite Roeder, Clarissa Moore, Dorothy Nolan, Frances Karner, Helen Mueller, Grace Kintgen, Ermadee LaBarge, May Phinney, Margaret Froom, Anna Marie Trippett and Anne Mueller. A party in recognition of the service of the volunteer staff was held at the USO-TAS office October 26. Each worker was presented with a statement of the number of hours earned toward a regular USO service award and a corsage of red and white carnations. The total number of hours the volunteer staff worked is 370.

Wonderful Cooperation

Following her departure from Klamath Falls, Miss Richardson will go to Spokane as director of the USO-TAS there. "We've had wonderful cooperation from the Klamath Falls people and the officials of the military installations," she remarked, "and it has been a real privilege to serve this community, the members of the armed forces and their families."

Assisting Miss Richardson in the local unit were Betty Fairclough, Virginia Beckman, Mildred Visel, Fanita Pierce and Vessa Poll.

Joseph Conger

The Joseph Conger PTA executive board will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, November 7, at 1:30 p. m. at the school. Plans will be completed for the plate dinner and meeting which will be given at Joseph Conger November 14. More information will be given in this column next week.

Parents of Cub age boys are reminded to attend the Cub meeting which will be held November 7 at the school at 7:30 p. m. Robert Lamont, Boy Scout executive, will be present to explain the Cub program.

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With the closure of the local USO-Travelers' Aid service, Clarence Humble, chairman of the USO operations committee, congratulates Beverly Richardson, director of the Klamath Falls unit, on the USO-TAS work here.

News PTA Notes

Mills

Mills PTA has contributed \$10 each year for the past four years to the school library and a fine shelf of books has been built up from this fund.

The Mills library is one of the outstanding elementary school libraries in the state of Oregon. This year the library has been redecorated, modern shelving has been added and stock rooms rearranged. A card catalogue system is being developed, and new furniture will be installed as soon as available. There are some 4500 books in the library and the classes have regular instruction in the care and use of books. The children are encouraged to use the public libraries. A systematic record is kept of the independent reading done by each child.

School rooms at Mills enjoyed Halloween parties Wednesday afternoon through the cooperation of room mothers and teachers.

The total for Friday's stamp sale was \$153, which brings the total for the year to \$841.15. Stamp sales will be held every week during the Victory Loan drive. The next sale will be held Friday, November 9.

Altamont

The Altamont PTA executive committee met Thursday evening, October 25, at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Pruitt, 2942 Altamont drive. Plans were discussed for the November meeting which will be a chili bean supper with the dads as special guests. The date for the supper has been set for Friday, November 16. Mrs. R. E. Jeschke is the general chairman for the supper.

In thanking the firms who so generously helped to make the fun festival a success, Piggly Wiggly and Vivian's Dress Shop were erroneously omitted. Thanks is extended to them at this time.

County Council

Members of the Klamath County Council of Parents and Teachers will meet Monday, November 5, at 1 p. m. at Fremont school. All interested parents are invited to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

JOAN O'NEILL

Tonight on the Pelican turf the home town team will try to redeem itself after the losses it has had in the past tilts. This will be the last game on home soil because the Pelicans travel to Bend for the final game. A goodly sized crowd of both students and townspeople is expected for the game. There will be a drill by the band, twirlers, and Pep Peppers at the half if the weather permits.

Joan O'Neill

Pep Assembly
The Pep assembly was held at 1:05 today. Patty Lou Myers sang "Rosemary" and "Gotta Be This or That." Herb Barker, senior member of the Pelican squad, spoke for the team. Irma Beasley played an accordion solo. A skit was given for the assembly by Bob Clammer and Arlo Schults. Later in the program Ted Reeves rendered an oral gossip column for the school.

Coch Paul Angstead gave a talk on the coming game and Lynn Roycroft, whose voice is familiar to the students since he announces all the football games on the Modoc field, gave a talk for the team. Ted and Fred Reeves, co-yell leaders, Bud Selby, Carol Montie and Trudy Bennett led the yells; the Pep Peppers assisted in several yells. The KUHS high school band played several times throughout the assembly.

The rally which was held in the halls of KUHS began in the noon hour and lasted until 12:45. The procession was led installed ramp in our auditorium we are sure that everyone will enjoy the program much more this year.

Our guest speakers were Mrs. J. D. O'Neill and Mrs. D. D. Havens. Mrs. O'Neill told in a short but very informative address that Child Evangelism Fellowship has grown from the chance meeting of Rev. Irvin Overholzer and a small newsboy in a city park 13 years ago until today there are classes being given in 33 countries in the world. Mrs. Havens then gave a demonstration lesson as they are given to the children who attend child evangelism classes. The lesson was both interesting and colorful and was enjoyed by all. Child Evangelism classes are held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Tilton, 709 N. 11th on Thursday afternoons in our district.

Refreshments were served by the first and second grade mothers, Mrs. Walter Thompson and Mrs. Earl Greene in charge. The Halloween motif was carried out for decoration. Mrs. LaClaire, first grade teacher, and Irma Wauchope, second grade teacher, presided at the tea table.

Fairhaven

A rummage sale sponsored by the Fairhaven PTA will be held at 418 Main, former Red Cross headquarters, Saturday, November 3. School children have been busy all week gathering articles and bringing them to school for the sale. The room gathering the most rummage will be given a prize. Anyone having anything to donate for the sale may call Mrs. Ed Franklin, 4926, and it will be called for.

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