

Speaker Tells Of Conditions Abroad

"You cannot think of freedom on an empty stomach," stated young Ben Kerns, recently returned UNRRA worker, and speaker at the luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters Wednesday, May 28. He left a depressing picture of unwise military authority, distaste of relief from the 7,000,000 displaced persons who would starve without it, and an overall fear of Russia. "The majority of Germans feel sorry for themselves and still believe they were led into the war. There is so little work to do and food rations are so low that the nation is completely demoralized," says Mr. Kerns. Regarding the 7,000,000 displaced persons in Germany, most of them were brought into Germany forcibly, and they want to get out and earn their own living, but are not allowed to have any work in industry or on the farms. The one thing, however, that they do not want to do is go back to Russian occupied territories.

There is a work system, controlled by cigarette rationing, clothing supply, elections, schools and workshops. Mr. Kerns believes that UNRRA's efforts at repatriation have been unsuccessful, as the displaced persons have been persuaded to go back home have gone directly into a Russian communistic system of government and colonization.

Mr. Kerns believes that fear and mistrust is just as common among the nations of Europe as it ever was. He believes, however, that the common people are the same everywhere, and fear and hatred will disappear when people can understand each other and have a free interchange of ideas, and not until then.

Displaced persons, Mr. Kerns says, can be helped by immediate immigration, not wholesale immigration, but filling the quotas which these countries were allowed, and which is now held up by red tape. Mr. Kerns also believes that racial and minority prejudice should be fought, and that the United States and democracy will remain on top longer if the United States remembers it is dealing with proud peoples, and not incur their hatred.

The league voted to take action on HR 2910, which deals with filling established immigration quotas, asking for an early hearing by the house judiciary subcommittee. It also asked for an early hearing by the foreign affairs committee on international refugee organization. This is the UN organization which would take over responsibility for the repatriation and resettlement of displaced persons upon the closing out of UNRRA. Individual members and everyone interested is asked to drop a postcard to his representative in congress on this issue, and to the house judiciary subcommittee on HR 2910.

June, July and August are vacation months as far as regular meetings are concerned for the league. There will, however, probably be discussion groups organized for the summer. As soon as material is received, chairmen will announce meeting dates, and all interested women, whether members or not, are invited to attend.

Mrs. J. C. Yaden, president, announced the following appointed directors: Mrs. C. E. Dennis, Mrs. Henry Newhouse, Mrs. Willard Duncan, Mrs. Arnold Gralapp and Mrs. Everett Dennis. She also announced as standing committee chairmen for program, Mrs. Fred Rueck, with Mrs. Ed Geary and Mrs. H. O. Palmer as chairmen of the international relations or foreign policy group; Mrs. Warren Bennet as chairman of the legislative group; Mrs. Paul Buck, chairman of the welfare committee, and Mrs. Arnold Gralapp, chairman of the educational committee.

Other standing committee chairmen are as follows: Mrs. Henry Newhouse, action; Mrs. Twyla Ferguson, training of discussion group leaders and resource; Mrs. C. E. Dennis and Mrs. Floyd Ranker, finance; Mrs. Everett Dennis, membership; Mrs. A. A. Montgomery, public relations, and Mrs. Willard Duncan, speaker's bureau and radio chairman, with Mrs. Leo Sagehorn as script writer.

Ladies Aid

MT. LAKE—The Mt. Lake Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. A. R. Campbell Thursday afternoon with Mrs. O. L. Brown and Mrs. Irvin Campbell assisting.

Attractive bouquets of spring flowers were arranged about the rooms. Mrs. Campbell led the devotional service. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Estella Hill, Mrs. Emma Schureman, Mrs. C. J. Hess, Mrs. Mary Townsend, Mrs. William Williams, Mrs. Henry Semon, Mrs. Kitty Jackson, Mrs. Sam Enman, Mrs. William Cunningham, Mrs. James Crawford.

Mrs. Percy Dixon, Mrs. Guy Hilliard, Mrs. J. Baldwin, Mrs. Buford Kaylor, Mrs. Gray Brannon, Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mrs. Richard Fleming, Fay Brannon, Fred Crawford, Aubrey Dale Campbell, and the hostess. The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Semon.

Noon Luncheon

Members of the Klamath Soroptimist club met for a noon luncheon, Thursday, at the Pelican party room. Pearl Young was a heartily greeted former member, who was a guest from the club at Stockton, Calif.

Alice Lamm presented Louise Reinhart as a new member, and also as speaker of the day.

Mrs. Reinhart spoke on sterling silver, using numerous pieces of a collection of Avie McConnell to illustrate her talk. Her history of sterling silver was very interesting, the standards of today's sterling having been established in England at the time of Queen Elizabeth.

She followed the history of tea service from the visit of Marco Polo in China, to the service as it is known today, and the tradition of sets of flatware, which at the time of Lincoln consisted of a carving knife and a two-tined fork and knives for each guest.

Ye Olde Pinocchio club met Thursday, May 29, with Minnie Padgett, 412 Upham, for luncheon and cards. There were three guests, Lucille Goheen, Eleanor Lewis and Ann Sederheart. Dacie Hoover held high score; Kathryn Billings, second; Violet Vance, low, and the pinocchio award went to Minnie Padgett. For the meeting on June 12 the hostess will be Maggie Upton.

Reno Rites

CHILOQUIN—A wedding of interest to numerous Klamath county residents was the Monday, May 26, ceremony read in Reno, Nev., which united Jean Blake of Gilchrist and James B. Hamilton. For the rites Mrs. Hamilton chose a grey suit with pale pink springtime accessories.

The couple will make their home in Gilchrist where Mrs. Hamilton will continue as music instructor in the schools. She held a similar position previously in Chilquinn and in Malin. Hamilton was a resident of Pine Ridge and later of Klamath Falls and Vallejo, Calif.

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