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Caught in the Rounds

By DEB ADDISON

Maybe you read in the paper that this is the final week of the Community Chest fund drive. The Chest is the major volunteer program that finances community activities for youth and those in need. There is not enough money being donated to take care of these activities.

Thinking back to the other war years you'll recall that quite a few organizations which annually held open house, or otherwise extended Holiday Cheer and greetings in some style, changed their tactics and donated to USO or some other charity instead.

The suggestion is passed here that action would be appropriate again. Most of us would think more highly of a firm if we got the word: "Merry Christmas; we are making an extra donation to the Community Chest instead of extending the usual Holiday Cheer."

There are other forms of community donations than those of folding dough. For instance, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, along with junior high school boys quartets and some Oregon Tech vandwilers, are taking off for Lakeview Saturday to give a performance for the benefit of the Lakeview swimming pool fund.

The popularity of this sort of entertainment is shown by the sell-out of the high school auditorium Saturday for the swimming pool. It's good to see the folks from here giving

a hand.

Most duck hunters know that a 12-gauge shotgun gets its name because it takes 12 pure lead balls of an established bore diameter to make a pound. They're willing to explain this to their womenfolk. However, it's also a fact that a 12-gauge shell is actually loaded with shot running about 14 to the pound. Hunters would just as soon drop the subject here.

Also, with the "pigskin parade" winding up with the various bowl games, the nasty thought comes to mind that the "pigskin" are not really made of pig skin. The leather for footballs actually comes from cattle. You can see the sports problem.

Can't call it "calfskin"—sounds too delicate an object for 200-pounders to battle over.

"Cowskin" suggests fear and trembling, and "steerskin" sounds like it had handles—which would not be a bad idea sometimes.

"Oxhide" brings up the intelligence question—which is better left alone. And what'll you bet they never start calling it "bullskin"?

Baseball has it easier. The leather is called horsehide, and it IS horsehide. But—don't let the subjective fact get around—these hides, so vital to our National Game—shhh!—come from Russia.

Even their horses have thicker skins.

Worldwide Bible Reading for tonight: Joshua 1.

Yank Pilot Becomes Ace

U.S. FIFTH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Korea, (AP)—A world war two veteran from Louisiana yesterday became America's fourth jet ace.

Maj. Richard D. Creighton, an F-86 Sabre jet pilot of the fourth fighter intercepter wing, knocked down one of four Communist MIG-15s destroyed in a fight in MIG alley for his fifth kill of the Korean fighting.

A pilot who shoots down five enemy planes wins ace rating and the right to go home. Creighton's home is at Baton Rouge.

He scored previous MIG kills on June 17, September 20, October 5 and October 23.

In world war two Creighton shot

down a Nazi ME-109 and an FW-190 and shared in the kill of another FW-190.

Maj. George A. Davis Jr., Lubbock, Tex., shot down two MIGs in the fight.

Lt. William R. Dawson, Columbus, Ohio, destroyed one.

Davis downed his first plane with one long burst that set the Red jet on fire, forced the pilot to jump and sent the MIG out of control. He sent two bursts into another MIG. The pilot bailed out and the plane exploded so close to Davis' plane that the F-86 was showered with oil.

One MIG was damaged in that action.

The battle was fought only a few hours after Communist jets shot down an F-80 Shooting Star jet in a skirmish between 16 MIGs and about 12 of the slower Shooting Stars. The Allied pilot was killed, fifth air force said.

One MIG was damaged in the day's first battle.

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James Marlow

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Stories from Rome will tell you about the daily doings of the North Atlantic treaty organization (NATO), made up of 12 nations, including the U. S., banded together in defense against Russia.

This NATO meeting in Rome is not a special, suddenly called meeting, due to a crisis. Representatives of the 12 nations met in Ottawa in September and agreed to meet in Rome again at this time.

But it is an important meeting. It has brought together the foreign ministers of the 12 nations, including our own Secy. of State Acheson, and their military chiefs, including General Eisenhower.

The 12 NATO nations face a double, serious problem in their Rome discussions: how to arm and raise troops as fast as possible and, while they're doing it, how to keep from going broke.

This is a brief background on the Rome meeting.

In 1947—when it was plain western Europe was economically ruined by the war and might fall to the Communists unless helped out of the trap—this country set up the Marshall plan.

This provided economic aid. And it worked. By the beginning of 1951, in fact, it seemed to have worked so well that Britain was able to say it didn't need any more Marshall plan aid.

But meanwhile the Russians were active. By a coup they took over Czechoslovakia in 1948. This scared Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. They formed a military alliance.

By themselves they were no match for Russia. That was clear. Yet, if they fell, Russia would have

Europe and we'd be pretty much alone. In 1949 the North Atlantic treaty was signed.

This was NATO, an organization of 12 nations running the North Atlantic and with a common interest in defending themselves against communism. They pledged help to one another in case of attack.

This didn't mean much unless the 12 members were well enough armed to defend themselves. This country chipped in and began sending arms. But it was being done pretty leisurely.

The communists struck again. This time in Korea. In June, 1950, they broke the egg. NATO got busy. And about a year ago they decided they'd better pool their military strength. Unify it, they said.

THE EUROPEAN members of NATO agreed they'd like to have General Eisenhower boss the job.

They agreed to provide troops about 60 divisions by 1953—to serve under him. We agreed to send six American divisions to help out.

And while arming NATO had now become a really big job, with the U. S. providing a big part of the arm, the other NATO members agreed they'd produce a good share of the arms themselves.

But this all happened just about the time they were getting on their feet with Marshall plan help. They had been putting all their energy and money and goods into domestic stuff.

Now they had to divert a good bit of it to military production. This meant men had to be taken out of civilian production for use as soldiers or for use in arms factories.

The net result: less goods for civilians and the economies of the big NATO nations, like Britain and France, put in a tailspin, especially since prices on the world markets are imported goods shot up.

The American congress voted about \$7,500,000,000 for arms and economic aid. It may not be enough, for Britain and France particularly are getting into a shape economically. Meanwhile, arms production and raising of troops has fallen behind schedule.

So the Rome meeting must discuss ways of easing the economic jam while still getting arms and troops.

BODY FOUND

EUGENE, (AP)—A body, believed to be that of Charles L. Henricks, 42, was found on the Oregon coast yesterday about a mile north of Seaside. Henricks, of Coos Bay, was lost at sea Nov. 4 when a cabin cruiser broke up off Coos Bay. Identification was made by papers found on the body.



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