

Tower Talk

By EVA MOREY

This is by way of introduction, to tell you of the series of articles which will start next week on the people who make the local Ground Observer Corps what it is. There's the man who calls his two hours of duty "the quiet time"—and the woman who takes the early morning watches that no one else wants. One Ground Observer post is very much like another. The operation is the same regardless of the city, and the things that happen at the tower in Klamath Falls are the same sort of things that happen in Medford or Bend or Eugene. Probably no one every made a nocturnal visit via the fire escape for the purpose of volunteering in Medford, (it happened in Klamath Falls!), but for the most part one tower is like another.

Even the problems must be very much the same. There is a need for a heater, or a sound system, or the light bill must be paid. It is only the people who are different.

We intend to be mainly concerned with the people. We may bend your ear a little about your civic duty, channel your excess energy in our direction, but mostly these talks will be about the people who make up your Ground Observer Corps.

These people might be called the eyes and ears of our national safety; our margin for error. Every hour of every day someone is out there watching and listening for the planes they can't see.

We want to tell you about some of these people. Some of them have taken responsibilities out of proportion to their physical strength. Why do they do it? Maybe we'll find out.

Pomona Grange To Hold Talks

The Pomona Grange Agricultural Committee has arranged to hold a meeting at the Henley Grange Hall, Thursday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. Soils, fertilizer, and grass pastures will be the major subjects of discussion. The meeting will be open to any and all people interested in these important subjects.

Speakers on the program will be Tom Jackson, soil conservation specialist, Oregon State College, who will discuss fertilizer and soils, showing progress in the state of Oregon; Al Halvorson, Klamath Experiment Station, will discuss Klamath County fertilizer trials and other soils work being carried on; and A. E. Gross will discuss pasture trials at the station. A representative of the agricultural extension office will report on general fertilizers, soil improvement and grass improvement going on throughout the county.

C. A. Henderson, county agent and chairman of the agricultural committee of Pomona Grange wishes to emphasize that this is an open meeting for everyone interested.

Millionaire And Wife Reconciled

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Millionaire Horace Dodge III and his wife, former showgirl Gregg Sherwood, plan a trip to South America as soon as their baby is born.

"We are definitely in love," Dodge said yesterday in response to reports they had quarreled and she had fled to Good Samaritan Hospital to protect herself and her unborn child.

Columnist Earl Wilson had quoted Gregg as saying she quarreled with Dodge after a party celebrating their first wedding anniversary and went to the hospital "to get away from all this turmoil with Horace."

It was Dodge's fifth marriage and her second. They were married in Palm Beach last February.

Dog Hair Used To Make Suit

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Ever hear of a suit made of dog's hair?

Mrs. Frieda Schmidt of Suburban Lemay has a three-piece ensemble made from the combings of her two samoyed dogs which she saved for two years.

The combings—four and one-half pounds in weight—were sent to a woman in Rhode Island who spun and wove the hair into cloth. Then the material was cleaned and shrunk.

Mrs. Schmidt sewed the three-piece suit herself. Total cost of the more than 6 yards of material 31 inches wide, was \$53.50.

The dogs, known as Siberian sled dogs, have soft, pure white hair.

DANCE ALL NIGHT

Geo. N. Taylor

She liked best to dance until the break of day. But Sunday nights she went to church with her parents, who were "religious." So she tells it. And one night, the preacher in the little church there on the wind-swept prairie, gave the salvation message that just fitted her case. After the message, they sang—"What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." The girl was convinced and went forward. She knelt down and by faith received Jesus Christ into her heart. He gave her a new life and now at fifty, she is ever busy in her self service for her Lord. Faith says to turn your life over to Christ and trust Him for strength and wisdom that this world cannot give. This page sponsored by an Oregon family.

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American Aid To Indochina Big Factor In Asian War

By JOHN RODERICK

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—"If it hadn't been for American aid, the Indochina war would have been lost three years ago."

This statement was made by a responsible American official here recently. He would have had little difficulty getting the French and the Indochinese to agree.

Since 1951 the United States has been pouring an ever-swelling torrent of money, material and munitions into Indochina to help hold back the hordes of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh.

By last Jan. 31, 400 American or French ships sailing from San Francisco had disgorged in Indochina's ports a veritable mountain of the weapons, explosives, guns, airplanes, ships and other material required for modern warfare.

The list:

- 290 million rounds of small arms ammunition.
- 21,000 transport vehicles and trailers.
- 1,400 combat vehicles.
- 360 military aircraft.
- 390 naval vessels.
- 17,000 radio sets.
- 175,000 small arms and automatic weapons.

Fire Destroys Huge Bomber

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—A 3 1/2 million dollar B36, the world's largest bomber, caught fire on the Fairchild Air Force Base runway and was destroyed early Saturday but all 29 men aboard scrambled to safety unharmed.

The fire was detected in a piston engine by an alert crewman as the plane was warming up for a training mission.

The intercontinental bomber, which carries 21,116 gallons of fuel, burned hercely and was a total loss. One gasoline tank exploded.

The B36 has a normal crew of 16, but extra men are often taken for training purposes.

Fire trucks poured chemicals on the burning bomber but were unable to save it.

The B36 is one of the prime atom bomb carriers of the U.S. Air Force.

Fairchild is one of the principal bases for the B36 in the Strategic Air Command.

Inmates Crowd Chicago Jails

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago's two principal jails are bulging with inmates.

The prisoner population at the Cook County Jail reached a record high today of 2,004. Warden M. Phillip Scanlon said. The jail, built in 1929, was intended to house 300 prisoners. Scanlon said prisoners are sleeping on tables, benches and even on floors.

The city's jail, the Bridewell, also is overcrowded, said Supt. Frank G. Sain, with 2,276 prisoners. He said the city jail was built to house 1,800 prisoners.

ships and three years in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp.

A sport-loving 51-year-old cavalryman who turned paratrooper—he has more than 90 jumps to his credit—Trappnell won the Distinguished Service Medal by personally setting fire to a tank which blew up a bridge the Japanese wanted very much to cross.

Trappnell is due to wind up a two-year tour here in a few months. Already there is much talk of replacing him with Lt. Gen. John W. O'Daniel.

Americans in the know here say that Trappnell's departure would be little short of catastrophic. For one thing, he is tremendously popular with Gen. Henri Navarre, the French commander in chief. For another, he is getting a tough job done fast and efficiently.

Big, blunt "Iron Mike" O'Daniel would be likely to run into difficulties with the French chiefly because he has been touted as a man who could train Viet Nam troops. Gen. Navarre said the other day that for an American to train the Vietnamese was "unthinkable." That is a job Navarre has cut out for himself.

The American mission so far has been confined almost entirely to aid, not training.

The 200 air technicians in Indo-

china are an exception. They will teach French ground crews the skill needed to maintain 19 U.S. B26 light bombers America recently has provided. In three to four months they will pull out.

This is a far cry from training the Vietnamese national army of 20,000 men who fight, as some elements in the United States wish to do. The French view is that they are doing fine, and that American experience in Korea is

not applicable to the jungle and rice field war here.

Head of the economic and technical assistance program is former Brig. Gen. Wilbur R. McReynolds, an old China hand who did the same sort of job in Nanking before the Communists took over. The smaller civilian program has tackled an ambitious job, not least of which is placing some of the half-million refugees of the war in new homes. It is building highways and bridges, giving a job to

the rubber, textile, lumber, and tobacco industries and helping to boost the production of rice. Its big problem is getting people to come out to this tropical country, where disease, the high cost of living and a war are some of the disadvantages of the daily job.

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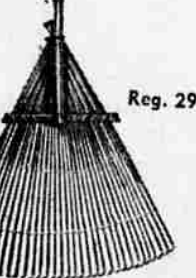
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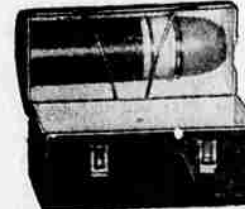
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