

LET'S BE SOCIABLE

Mrs. Tousley Is Hostess to Club

The Vernonia Study Club met Thursday evening, March 1st, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Tousley.

During the business session reports were made by members taking part in the Red Cross drive. The response of the community was found to be very good on the first day of the drive.

For the program of the evening, Mrs. Harry Culbertson reported on the book, "Rio Grande to Cape Horn" by Carleton Beals. This book gives us a vivid picture of the geography, customs, habits and social life of the countries from Mexico to Cape Horn. It is the civiliza-

tion South of the border.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Holly Holcomb, Jr. at which time Mrs. A. J. Hughes will report on "Esme of Paris" by Esme Davis.

Initiatory Degree Work Planned

Two prospective members of the Odd Fellows lodge will receive the initiatory degree next Tuesday evening at the order's regular meeting when Bob Thompson and George Peters will receive the work. The degree will be carried out by the lodge's degree team under the captaincy of Bill Shafer.

92-Year-Old Mother Returns to Home at Tacoma; Brother Dies

RIVERVIEW — Having sold their home in Vernonia Sun. and not caring to leave the district before the close of school, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Dosch and children were busy Mon. moving into the home recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. John Tate. Mr. Dosch is employed at the O-A. We welcome this family to Riverview.

J. M. Peachey took his 92-year-old mother, Mrs. Alice Bolt- inghouse, to Tacoma Sun. to be with her daughter Mrs. John Casey. Mrs. Peachey accompanied them as far as Centralia where she helped her father. R. M. Stout, celebrate his 91st birthday.

Mrs. Anna Parker and son, Tom, left Fri. for Roseburg to attend the funeral of Anna's brother, George Solomon. Mr. Solomon had been suffering with heart trouble. Sympathy is extended to the Parkers in their bereavement.

Mrs. Roy Sutton and Mrs. Walter Bennett and son, Larry Leroy, of Portland spent three days at the Kenneth Walker home this week. During their stay they helped Kenneth Ger- ald celebrate his 8th birthday. A number of Kenneth's young friends also helped him have a happy birthday.

Mrs. Virgil Powell and son, Melvin, spent Thursday and Fri. in Portland visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tock left Mon. for Chicago, their former home. Mrs. Tock is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olof Jacobson. Mr. Tock has been employed at the O-A mill but expects to find more suitable work there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Buckner and Mrs. C. N. Rundell spent Sat. in Hillsboro.

The flu bug has just arrived at the F. J. Shaver home where

Mrs. Shaver and Donald are the victims. However, most of our sick are improving. Arthur Armstrong is back at work after a month's absence due to the flu. Mrs. L. L. Wells and Mrs. Louis Huntley are up part of each day after having a great deal of ear trouble and Mary Millis is slowly getting back to normal.

My Two-bits Worth

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Recently I have been reading so much about how to treat the returning soldier that I can't resist the temptation of adding my two-bits worth. No matter what I may say, it cannot possibly be any more foolish than some of the stuff I have read.

In the first place, I am like the soldiers themselves in my resentment of the apparent assumption that a returned soldier is practically a psychopathic case and has to be "handled" as such. Some of them are of course, but they don't come home. They go to a hospital where they won't be subjected to amateur treatment. But the average man, when he comes home, wants—and expects—to be treated as a normal human being who has returned to his own people, not to a clinic for the mentally unbalanced.

When I read some of the articles which have appeared, I am reminded of the time when the study of child psychology first began. Articles were published which were devoured by anxious mothers in such quantities that they suffered from a mental gorge of half-digested, half-baked theories, and the results of the indigestion on their off-spring was something at which one stood appalled. It was the same with the various methods of feeding children. I had a severe attack of that. I kept my husky young first-born to the book formula in spite of his howls of hunger until the old family doctor who had helped bring him into the world glared at me over his glasses and growled, "What book are you raising him by?" I mentioned the author. He grunted. "That damned book causes me more trouble. It's all right, as far as it goes, and does for the average baby, but why can't you fool mothers ever learn to use your own judgment. You're starving that boy. Throw that book away and give him food." I did, and he quit yelling and began to grow. If our returning soldiers are going to be treated according to formula, I can see where some more yelling will be done.

One fool article says not to let them talk about the work they have done and not to ask questions. I have had one son come home from overseas. He was keyed to the breaking point. What if we, who have always talked over trips and adventures work and play, had refused to let him talk and refrained from asking questions? He would have thought we didn't care what he had seen and done; that we had no interest in those years of bitter fighting and work, and he would have turned in upon himself and the memories might have become festering sores. As it was, he poured it forth to those who loved him and who cared what those things had meant to him, and when his time at home was done, the tension was relieved and it was, as he said, like a half-forgotten dream. In his case, talking to his own people was the natural thing to do—something he had always done when he came home. There are men, of course, who do not wish to speak, even to those they love, of what they have been through, and in their case, let them speak or not as they please.

It seems to me that the ordinary rules of good breeding

should be the only rules to follow. One doesn't pry into the affairs or thoughts of another in the ordinary course of life, but if he wishes to speak of personal things, one listens with interest, and this seems to me the natural course to follow with the soldiers who return.

They do resent questions by curious strangers. Don't we all? We had some week end guests recently who were laughing about the woman on the bus who wanted to know where they were going, how long they were going to stay and where they had come from. There are always people like that, of course, and one has to endure them, but to a returning soldier, brittle with nerve strain, such ill-bred curiosity is liable to call forth a sock on the nose.

When my Marine son was coming home by train, he sat at a table in the diner with a woman whose little girl stared at him with wide eyes. Finally the lady spoke of his overseas ribbons and her small daughter piped up breathlessly, "Did you kill any Japs?" There was only one answer a Marine could give and tell the truth, so the child was satisfied. But children can ask such questions and give no

offense, where adults should remember the laws of good breeding about prying questions to a stranger.

So my two-bit offering to the "great problem" of "handling" our boys when they come home, can be summed up briefly: If they are strangers to you treat them exactly as you should treat any other stranger, i.e., keep your mouth shut and tend to your own business. If they are your own loved ones, treat them as you always did. They are only men who have come home again.

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