

## Union Against 'Free Music'

### Air Base Informed Pay Desired

Soldiers at Portland air base, virtually all of them restricted to the big station since the onset of war, will hear no "free music" by professional entertainers if the Portland local of the American Federation of Musicians has its way, despite the apparent willingness of "big-name" entertainers to appear.

Major Milton W. Kingcaid, executive officer of the base, Friday said that professional entertainers were reported to be giving their services freely to the armed forces over the United States and that apparently Portland had been singled out for the special refusal of the local union to permit any donated service.

### Union Explains Stand

John A. Phillips, president of local 99, American Federation of Musicians, in a letter to The Oregonian, set forth the reason why the local has forbidden its members, or members of any other local traveling through this territory, "to donate their services for any purpose whatsoever."

The discussion arose following successful efforts by air base officers to plan a series of winter programs for soldiers at the base at which big-name bands and entertainers from theaters and night clubs agreed to appear at the base, Duke Ellington, having agreed to put on a one-hour show for the soldiers, was said to have denied the right of the local union to interfere. Ellington's band entertained a packed house at the base Friday night, December 12.

Explaining the stand of the union Mr. Phillips wrote in part:

### Members Ask Pay

"The officers of the American Federation of Musicians are constantly engaged in a struggle to furnish professional musicians with employment, in the face of ever-increasing inroads on our livelihood by radio, 'juke boxes,' and non-professional groups that are ever willing to perform to the detriment of those who depend on music entirely for their subsistence."

"We feel that our members are equally as entitled to be paid for their services as are workers in any other trade or profession. Certainly, no one would ask, or could expect, that we should donate our services to the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation to donate all or part of their time simply because our country is at war and needs ships desperately. Nor would anyone expect some wholesale grocery or meat packing company to donate food to the Portland air base or the 25th engineers just because they are part of our armed forces and such a donation would therefore be patriotic."

"In conjunction with the last Portland Community chest drive a fund of about \$58,000 was raised and turned over to the local committee of the USO. I am informed by the chairman of this committee that \$50,000 of this fund was sent to the national headquarters for armament, and that after deducting expenses incurred in raising the fund approximately \$16,000 remains for use in the Portland area."

**Ellington Pleds Auditorium**  
"This money was granted by all the people for the express purpose of providing entertainment and recreational facilities for enlisted men of the armed forces of our country and in all fairness our Association believes a part of it should be set aside for the purpose of employing such musicians as are necessary in carrying out this program."

"We don't know about any \$16,000," said Major Kingcaid, "but it wouldn't be a drop in the bucket if we wanted to hire any big name bands. We have radios, phonographs, our own band and orchestra, but the soldiers want to hear the big name entertainers, especially when they are glad to appear. There's a valuable morale factor involved when the men realize that highly paid professionals are willing to give their time for the men in uniform."

"We postponed our supper hour to hear Duke Ellington, the men packed the auditorium and Ellington told us it was the most appreciative audience he ever had and that he would have liked to play all night," said Major Kingcaid.

## Old City Warrant Sent to Portland

A 30-year-old city check for 50 cents came back to the office of City Auditor Will E. Gibson

## Performer



MARILYN NELSON  
To entertain pioneers.

## Girl Dancer In Spotlight

Featured performer at the pioneer Christmas party to be given Monday at 1:30 P. M. in the Columbia building, 811 S. W. Washington street, will be 4-year-old Marilyn Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Nelson, 10135 N. E. Simpson avenue.

Marilyn will do character dances at the party which is to be given for all pioneers who were born in or came to Oregon before it became a state. Mrs. Oliver A. Todd, president of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, sponsors, declared Friday.

Other program features will be telling of the Christmas story by Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Jackson of the Salvation Army, and singing of carols by the auxiliary of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

## Cars Collide; Women Hurt

Mrs. Inez Wagner, 38, of 8012 S. W. Fairway drive, suffered shock and a right-ankle injury Friday as a passenger in an automobile operated by Emil Wagner, 35, same address, which was struck at N. E. 44th avenue and Siskiyou street by a car driven by Harriet E. Houseal, 20, of 2026 N. E. 52d avenue.

The Wagner vehicle careened away from the impact onto a lawn at 4407 N. E. Siskiyou street, police reported. Miss Houseal was treated at Portland air base hospital for shock and knee cuts. Mrs. Wagner received aid at the Providence hospital.

Mrs. Nina Mabel O'Banion, 52, of Milwaukie, was treated at Portland general hospital Friday for a spine injury received when her car was struck by an Oregon City street car at S. E. 1st avenue and Clay street.

### Many Seriously Hurt

Most seriously injured victims of traffic mishaps reported to police by hospitals Friday included the following:

Elizabeth Ottness, 6, of 2517 N. E. Stanton street, treated at Good Samaritan hospital after receiving head and knee injuries when struck by an automobile at N. E. 27th avenue and Fremont street.

John Huseman, 16, of 5757 N. E. Rodney avenue, suffered head and right knee injuries when his bicycle was hit by a car at N. E. Williams avenue and Jessup street, Emanuel hospital attendants reported.

C. M. Wendell, 49, of 3440 S. E. Sherman street, sought aid of emergency hospital attendants for right eyebrow, right hand and

## Changes Made In Priorities

### New OPM Order Clarifies Rules

A new office of production management order pertaining to industrial firms' maintenance, repairs and operating supplies, effective immediately, will extend priorities to many establishments and is of vital importance to all Oregon producers, J. Fred Bergersch, OPM district manager, announced Friday.

The new order, P-100, supercedes the old P-22, a blanket rating which has been in effect for some time, Bergersch stated.

### Old Orders Clarified

"Extreme difficulties have been experienced in the past because of improper use of the former order," said Bergersch. "The new and sweeping order clarifies instructions and will offer assistance to a large segment of the business world."

Anyone in doubt as to the order is asked to directly contact the OPM office in the Beddell building.

Bergersch listed several new features of P-100 as follows:

The new rating may not be used for replacement of any items carried on the producers' books as a fixed asset.

Operating supplies have been redefined so as to prohibit the use of the rating for fuel and non-defense packaging supplies.

When a general preference order assigns a specific rating, such rating shall control and P-100 will not be applicable.

### Some Exemptions Made

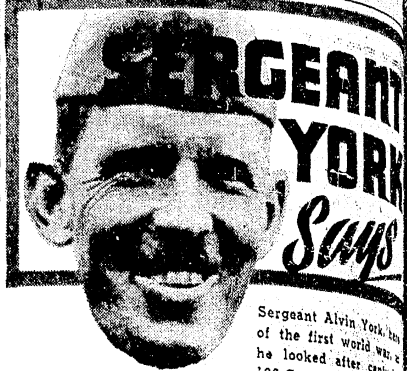
Producers whose aggregate purchases of materials for maintenance, repairs and operating supplies do not exceed \$5000 in a calendar quarter, and whose withdrawals of such supplies from inventory or stores likewise do not exceed \$5000, are exempt from the restrictions as to purchases and withdrawals.

Under P-22 the exemption was limited to producers whose purchases and withdrawals did not exceed \$2500 in a calendar quarter.

Retail establishments are excluded under the order because of administrative difficulties inherent in operating a maintenance and repair plan in the field.

### THEFT CHARGE DROPPED

A charge of larceny of an automobile against James D. Dulancy was dismissed Friday by Municipal Judge Julius Cohn for lack of complainant.



PALL MALL, Tenn., Dec. 19  
During the last war they used to say you never can tell whether or not a man's a soldier till he gets under fire The man can't tell himself.

My outfit was sent to the trenches. We stayed there 26 days and nights without changing our socks. Some of the men who'd talked big turned out to be as good fighting men as they'd said. Some who'd acted shaky showed up just as well. A few were downright scared at first. Pretty soon we were all too busy to think about that.

The Germans sent it at us hot and heavy. We gave back as good as they sent, and a little better. When we finally were relieved, we knew pretty much

what kind of soldiers we were. So did the Germans.

Hitler and his pack breed dogs wanted to be going to act under fire. The low cur was sent through the bushes. It and hit.

According to Hitler a bunch of scared rabbits then supposed to crawl in which way. The yellow draw blood, but it was a bit blood. I wonder what you're thinking, now that you know what the American really are?

Hitler can't see much or comfort in the American eagle he flusht.

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## Missing Plane Unreported

Progress of the search for an army transport plane carrying Major - General Herbert A. Dargue, commander of the first air force, missing since December 12 while enroute from Phoenix, Ariz., to California, is being watched at Portland by the general's brother, Daniel L. Dargue, 7200 S. E. 34th avenue.

Press services had no announcement Friday night on the search for the ship, which contained five other officers and two enlisted men.

Daniel L. Dargue has been identified with the flax industry and has been a resident of Portland only this year. He was an army pilot during World War I, serving as instructor at March field and other stations.

He said Friday that he had asked permission of the war department to join the searching party.

Mr. Dargue visited briefly with his brother during the general's visit to Portland on October 30 as an observer of the Pacific northwest air maneuvers.

## Barracks Room Furniture Sold

A committee from the Red Cross chapter here needs of soldiers at the barracks is seeking articles of old furniture for a room near Barracks hospital for use of other male workers at the hospital. Facilities of the Cross recreational center hospital are not used by the 250 hospital workers. Burt Brown Barker committee said.

Mrs. Barker said a call is made to donors.

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