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Mersky Brothers Announce Surprise Gift To Federation

Hyman, Maurice And Max Mersky Make Splendid Contribution As Their Initial Donation Toward 1945 Campaign Goal



HYMAN MERSKY



MAX MERSKY



MAURICE MERSKY

Writing a new chapter in the already exciting history of our Jewish Federation, the Mersky Brothers—Hyman, Max and Maurice—on Thursday evening surprised the Federation Board of Directors by announcing their spontaneous gift of \$3,000.00 as an initial contribution to the 1945 Campaign. This voluntary and unsolicited donation sets a splendid precedent, which will be inscribed in Federation records as the first big gift to be presented in this manner.

The Mersky Brothers, always key figures in every major fund-raising activity in our city, have already indicated that this is only a preliminary gift and is not their final contribution toward the 1945 Quota, which has not yet been set.

President Abraham S. Levey, in acknowledging the grateful appreciation of the Federation and its many worthwhile and deserving beneficiaries, stated that "By this action our community has not only grown in stature, but has also joined the ranks of those progressive and visionary Jewish communities in other parts of the country, which have begun to meet the problems of our people with ever increasing munificence and greater liberality in giving."

He added further, "In a year which has brought us face to face with many crucial conditions, the task of the President has not always been a pleasant one, with so many problems to solve. However, this generous gesture by civic-minded citizens in our Jewish community lightens the burden, and enables one to carry on our work with renewed vigor."

The enthusiastic ovation with which Federation leaders greeted the announcement of the Mersky Gift gives added evidence of the deep hold which the Federation has upon the hearts and minds of the men and women of our community. To these benefactors, an appreciative community is grateful, not only for setting the spark for our 1945 Drive, but also for establishing an inspirational example for others to follow.

Irving Davidson To Be Presented On Center Forum

"Jewish Ripley" Thrilled Members Last Season In Riotous Performance

Irving Davidson is coming back to Portland, January 14, as the second presentation of the Center Forum. This is great news for those who were thrilled by this master story teller last year. They have been eagerly awaiting his return to Portland and a night of side-splitting laughter.

The topic will be, "Contemporary Jewish Wit and Humor." This topic should provide fertile opportunity for him to demonstrate his great talent. We can safely predict that the auditorium will be rocking from unrestrained laughter.

Mr. Davidson had gained a nation-wide reputation by his ability to tell Jewish stories. He is a recognized authority on Jewish wit and humor and expects to finish a book on this subject soon.

Irving Davidson is deeply steeped in Jewish folk lore, having devoted much of his life to Jewish history. After graduating from the College of the City of New York and Fordham Law School, he spent five years as principal of the Religious School of the Park Avenue Synagogue, New York City. He also is a member of the Speakers' Bureau of both the Jewish Welfare Board and the United Synagogue of America.

As a result of his fine treatment of Jewish historical oddities, he has become known as the "Jewish Ripley." He regards the fact that the Jewish people possess a sense of humor as the greatest Jewish historical oddity of them all.

Mr. Sidney Wernick will be chairman of the performance, which will start at 8:45 P. M. Your only admission fee to a swell evening of entertainment is a swell standing in your membership dues (which means fully paid).

Attention, Guys!
CENTER MEN'S CLUB
SUPPER

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

6:30 P. M.

PLENTY TO EAT!
SAME COOK!

BARNEY SHUR
CHAIRMAN

FOR THE EVENING
SEE YOU THERE!

Center Women's Club
Public Speaking Course
Begins Jan. 10

The Center Women's Club Study Course in public speaking, the course you asked for and are anticipating, will begin January 10, 1945, at the Center at 8:30 P. M.

DON'T MISS DAVIDSON!

Attention, Parents!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

AND

DANCING SCHOOL

RESUME CLASSES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

IT'S A GIRL FOR
GLADYS AND WHITEY!

Just a few hours after Harold J. Potter was installed as a member of the Jewish Federation Board of Directors, Gladys did a little "installing" of her own and presented him with a bawling baby girl, born in the wee hours of Friday morning, January 5th, at the Maine General Hospital. We all wish them loads of joy.

Center Women's Club To Be Host To New England Rally

Mrs. Barnett I. Shur Heads Committee For April 28th Conference

The Center Women's Club is proud to announce that it will be host to the New England Conference of Center Women's Organizations over the week-end of April 28. Mrs. Barnett I. Shur was appointed general chairman when the Executive Board met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Maurice Davis of Morning Street.

Plans were completed for the annual paid-up membership meeting Jan. 17. Blintzes and coffee will be served at 1 P. M.—so don't fail to partake of this delicious repast being planned by Mrs. Manny Brook. A one-act play is being prepared by Mrs. Albert Issokson featuring our own local talent for your further entertainment.

A servicemen's supper will be served for the USO-JWB Army and Navy Committee Feb. 4. Mrs. Maurice Matson and Mrs. Shur were named co-chairmen. The first meeting of the public speaking group will be held Jan. 10 at 8:30 P. M. in the Center. Here is that opportunity to improve your poise and gain in self confidence, so be sure to turn out.

Mrs. Ralph Lampport reported on the Center Youth Dedication. Mrs. Morris Baker was co-chairman with Mrs. Lampport and their complete committee included Mrs. Gertrude Gordon, Mrs. Max Cooper, Mrs. Herman Davidson, Mrs. Maurice Matson, Mrs. Jack Silverhart, Mrs. Shepard H. Cutler, Mrs. Shur, Mrs. William Punsky, Mrs. Harold P. Nelson, Mrs. Leon Leavitt, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. William E. Perlin, Mrs. Benjamin Goldberg, Mrs. Forman and Mrs. Arnold Goodman.

Reports were given by Mrs. Matson on Center Youth; Mrs. Davis, Center Youth Hostesses; Mrs. Herbert Stern, hospital visiting; Mrs. Joseph LaReis, scrap books; and USO hostesses, Mrs. David Cutler. A letter of thanks from Capt. Freeman for the Christmas parties given at the Naval Bases was read. Twenty-two were present. Mrs. Julius Elowitz presided.

Junior Hi-Lites

By Ralph Levi

Even though the occasion has passed, our organization sends its sincere appreciation to the generous mothers who so thoughtfully contributed their tasty cakes at our "Chanukah" social.

It gives us pleasure to inform our members that Mr. Allen Larkin will assist Mrs. Rubinoff in the affairs of our club from now on. Mr. Larkin was present at the meeting of our dramatic group last Saturday, and discussed our having a show of some kind—musical or otherwise—in the new year.

This Saturday a Canteen will be the week's specialty. Here is a list of your Junior Hi usual dates for an average week:

Sunday: Junior Hi Meeting, 4:30 to 6:00.

Sunday (before meeting): Boys' Basketball, 1:00 to 2:00.

Tuesday: Arts and Crafts, 7:00 to 8:30.

Saturday (alternating): Canteen—Dramatics, 7:00 to 9:00.

Zionists To Celebrate "President's Night" On Sunday, January 14

As promised in last week's "Bulletin," Mr. Joe Wigon is promoting a real surprise party and dinner, January 14th, at 6:30 P. M., at the Center, for all Zionists and their wives. This is in celebration of "President's Night" and is also the first annual affair for Zionists and their wives.

Along with the delicious dinner that will include everything from soup to nuts for \$1.25, you will also witness some super-colossal skulduggery that will prove that a half-wit is better than no wit at all!

This dinner party is being timed so that it will be finished by 8:30 and all Center members can attend the Irving Davidson lecture at 8:45. If you like our president, Harold J. Nelson, and you're crazy about Joe Wigon, if you're wild about a good dinner and party, and you're madly in love with your wife—then of course you will make plans now to be at this big affair!

Center Youth Express Thanks To Sam Tabenken For Gift Of Picture

Center Youth wish to express their genuine appreciation to Mr. Sam Tabenken, of Bangor, who dropped in the Youth Canteen this past week-end and generously asked for the privilege of donating one of the beautiful oil paintings. His gift is the first to be acknowledged publicly, although many organizations have already indicated in a fine spirit their wish to share.

The names of these organizations will be published in next week's issue of the "Bulletin." Any other organization which wishes to contribute a picture is invited to call Kenneth Waks, Center Youth House Committee Chairman, or Norman I. Godfrey.

Jewish Home Auxiliary Announces Luncheon-Bridge

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jewish Home for Aged will hold their regular monthly meeting January 8, 1945, at the Jewish Community Center. Preceding the meeting a Luncheon will be served for all paid-up members at 1:00 P. M., with life members being special guests. After a short business meeting, Mah Jong and Bridge will be played and a very enjoyable afternoon is planned under the chairmanship of Mrs. Morris Hugo and Mrs. Samuel Shatz and an able committee. Please do not forget the date, January 8, at 1:00 P. M.

UPRIGHT PIANO WANTED
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At Center Office
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Irving Davidson

Is Coming
To Town

Sunday—January 14, 1945

» Organization News «

Rabbi Wolf Gold To Be Honored At Shaarey Tphiloh By Local Jewry On Monday



RABBI WOLF GOLD

Palestinian terrorist trials and their relation to Congressional opinion in regard to Zionism makes the forthcoming speaking visit of Rabbi Wolf Gold to Portland of great importance to all Zionists interested in the future of the Holy Land.

Rabbi Gold, who will be accompanied by Mr. K. Waldman, New England Executive Director of Mizrahi, will speak at the Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue at 7:30 P. M. on Monday evening, January 8th. Greetings will be extended by Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum, Saul G. Chason, president of the Portland Zionist Council, and David Rubinoff, president of the Jewish National Fund Council.

Rabbi Gold will be leaving for Palestine shortly, where he will formally accept the presidency of the World Mizrahi Organization. Portland Jewry are being especially honored with this visit and will have an opportunity to extend greetings to our Palestinian brethren through Rabbi Gold.

A question and answer period will follow in the vestry of the Synagogue, where refreshments will be served by the Women's Mizrahi Organization.

All Jews are urged to attend this meeting to hear Rabbi Gold, who is recognized as one of America's most forceful and dynamic speakers.

M. V. Malcom To Address Senior Hadassah Tuesday

Mr. M. V. Malcom will address the members of Senior Hadassah at their next meeting to take place Tuesday, January 9th, at 2:15 P. M. Mr. Malcom's speech will concern Power Politics and Palestine. Mr. Malcom has had considerable experience with near East affairs. After World War I, he was appointed by President Wilson to a committee for the maintenance of peace in the near East. He conducted the hearings before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate at that time. He was also diplomatic representative of the Armenian National Delegation.

Mrs. Abraham Simonds is Program Chairman for this meeting.

Dr. Benjamin Zolov Elected President Of Council Of Jewish Education

The Council of Jewish Education met Thursday evening in Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum's study. Representatives of all the major organizations were present. The following slate, presented by the nominating committee, were elected: President, Dr. Benjamin Zolov; First Vice-President, Abraham I. Weisman; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Abner Kantor; Third Vice-President, Harold J. Potter; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Louis Benson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sara Simonds; Treasurer, Mrs. Bessie Waterman; Publicity Committee, Mrs. Saul Goldkrand, Miss Simonds and Mrs. Saul Brennerman; Library Committee, Mrs. Edward Jaffee, Mrs. Samuel Rosenthal, Dr. Solomon Golodetz, Mr. Abraham Levine and Mr. Weisman; Music Committee, Mrs. Daniel Fenton, Mrs. Irving Rothstein and Mrs. Lydia Minkin; Program Committee, Maurice Davis and Dr. Golodetz.

The main project will be the formation of a library at the Center. All organizations are being solicited for donations, in addition to the nucleus, which will be donated by the Council.

In addition, an elementary class in Hebrew is being formed. For further information call Mr. Weisman, 2-5268.

Madam Maxa Nordau To Be Guest Of Pioneer Women At Oneg Shabat

Dr. Elias Caplan was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Pioneer Women on Tuesday evening at the Center. Mrs. Abraham Serulnick was in charge of the program.

Plans were discussed for the Oneg Shabat to be held Saturday, January 20, 1945, at the Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue. Madam Maxa Nordau will be the guest speaker. Madam Nordau arrived in this country in 1941 from France, her native country. She is the daughter of the world-famous philosopher, Max Nordau, whose home was a center of social and intellectual life in Paris. Max Nordau was with Theodore Herzl, co-founder of World Zionism. Madam Nordau is today a well-known portrait and landscape artist. She has paid two visits to Palestine and is particularly interested in the contribution of women to the prosecution of the war.

Mrs. Meyer Levitan presided. More than fifty members were present.

Junior Hadassah "Mystery Gals" Plan Surprises

We have decided to be a mystery woman and let you tell us all the answers for a change. Naturally, we refer to the next meeting of Junior Hadassah. And we ain't sayin' a thing. You've probably received your gilt-edged invitation ready. Now it's up to you to figure out the rest. What is the Ballad Will it be played? Danced? Sung Recited? Suffer, you curious mortals, until next Tuesday evening January 9, when you-all congregated at the Center at the appointed hour (8:00 P. M.) to join the rest of us. We promise you an evening of enjoyment.



WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE



by EDDIE 'אברהם' טשיק, SHAPIRO

According to the mail that we have received, we can see that you guys mean business for 1945. Now let's, for cryin' out loud, continue, so that it will make it easier for Avromchick & Co. to put out a column weekly. Amen.

NEW ADDRESSES: Cpl. Aaron H. Goldblatt, Hq., CEAD-ATC, 1200th AAFBU, A. P. O. 625, c/o Postmaster, Miami, Florida. . . Pvt. Maurice Rubinoff, 121st Ord. H. M. Co. (FA), A. P. O. 403, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . Arthur Cope, A/S, Co. 484, Barracks F-20, USNTC, Sampson, New York. . . T/5 Harold Woolf, Co. D, 24 Bn. 6 Regt., IARTC, Camp Gordon, Georgia. . . S/Sgt. Sam Fineberg, 97th General Hospital Det., Med. Dept., A. P. O. 204, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . Lt. Harold W. Shelling, Cas. Det. "P," Sig. C., Camp Crowder, Missouri. . . Pvt. Max M. Greenwald, 362 H. C. Co., A. P. O. 17927, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. . . Capt. Elias E. Long, 520th Med. Clr. Co., Camp Bowie, Texas. . . Pvt. Samuel Fink, 547th Engr. L. Pon. Co., Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

LETTERS AND ALL: In a letter to his brother Alvin, Warren Mersky writes, "Mom asked me in a letter if the women in the neighboring towns come into the base and run parties as they do in Portland. I've been in quite a few camps, but I've never seen or heard anything like the 'Chanukah' party at the Fort that Mom described. None of the USO's that I've been into compare with the Community Center for dances and other activities. The people in Portland seem to show the men in the service more hospitality than is shown in the cities that I have been stationed near." (Isn't that a plug for us?) Ed. Note: Look at him?—Us. Hmm Hmm! . . . Any of you guys that are stationed around Fort Meade or Richie in Maryland should know that Mrs. Marcella (Bernstein) Prozzan (an ex-Portland girl) would be very happy to have you drop in for a visit. Her address is 456 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland. (Don't be bashful. Ben and Marcie are swell people.)

Harold Woolf writes, "Notice my new address above. It is quite a let-down from the Medical Air Corps to the Infantry, but they are taking men from every branch of the service and putting them into the infantry. I expect to be here about seven weeks and then I hope to get back doing eye work again." (Let's hope so, m'boy.) . . . Received a Chanukah greeting V-mail from Arthur Pinansky. The bottom of it read FROM THE PERSIAN GULF COMMAND. (The family of Banjoeyes and I thank you for it.) . . . On September 1st, 1944, the Cards Bowling League sent wallets to their members who are in the armed forces. We have just received an acknowledgement from Capt. Henry Pollard. Henry says it's just what he needed and wants the gang to remember that he definitely wants a spot in the league when he comes back. (He can definitely be assured of that.) Then we received an acknowledgement from Maurice (Cozy) Turesky. Maurice says that he is now somewhere in the MARIANAS where one day it rains like a sonofagun and next day it's hot as h-l. He has all he can do to keep dry from the rain and heat. Then he says that there are golden opportunities there for SHLUCK furniture stores, with all the mud and foxholes. Mac Greenberg with all his experience in realty developments should do well there. Then he ends up with saying, "WHAT THE HELL AM I GOING TO DO WITH A WALLET HERE."

Lt. Arnold Greene writes the following, "Six months ago I crossed the channel for the French beaches, and let me tell you, I've traveled a long road since then. At the present time I'm in France, but have been to Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany during my 'Cook's Tour' of communications. Of all the places in the world, I believe that Paris is the most beautiful city, and too, the gayest. Also on my list are Brussels, Luxembourg, Liege, Maastricht and Aachen. Last week in an old French resort town, I accidentally met Portland's Bernie Goldberg. A pleasant surprise for the two of us; however, we couldn't celebrate the occasion because he was taking a trip out of town. We did arrange to meet during the holidays." (Letters of this type we guzzle, Arnold, so keep 'em coming.) . . . Talk about brothers under the skin and small worlds, a year or so ago, Lt. Myer Marcus was transferred to, of all places, India. . . We received beautiful letters from him, and in one particular letter his meeting with none other than Saul Sheriff really made news. (So the Portland Press Herald has to get the scoop on the following): Brother Harry Marcus was minding his own business in De Ridder, Louisiana, when Uncle Sam got him ready for either a boat or a plane ride. Harry is now stationed in the area of Myer in India. They see each other very frequently and you can imagine the rest.

From Somewhere in the Marianas, Harold Ross writes, "As yet I have met no one from Portland, but have run into quite a few Seabees whom I trained back in Camp Endicott. I met a fellow off one of the ships in the harbor who, as he puts it, 'Had the very great pleasure of meeting the Jewish people of Portland at the Center.' His words of praise made me feel wonderful that I came from Portland. He is a Gentile boy named John Dougherty and was in our home town about a year ago. Best regards to yourself, Mr. Godfrey and all my friends."

Sgt. Alfred Punsky, who has just returned from the Aleutians, has announced his engagement to Miss Bess Drecksler, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Drecksler of Newark, New Jersey. (Congratulations, kid, and I wasn't too inebriated the other night to know a good-looking girl.)

It has been the policy of this column to keep the news on the bright side, but where we know the family so well, we feel that it is only proper

"Shall Your Brethren Go To The War, And Shall Ye Sit Here?" (Numbers 32, 6)

A WAR MESSAGE

By Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum

The above Biblical exhortation forces itself upon our minds when we view the war situation and review our civilian activities. We know the magnitude of the task ahead of us and the frightful sacrifices behind us. But, in all candor, our "way of life" does not correspond to the gravity of the situation. In our individual and communal life, we seem to content ourselves with lip profession as against the necessary active assistance and participation in the War Effort.

I do not want to belittle the War Effort by some of our organizations and individuals. And, of course, it is not necessary to remind the fathers and mothers of our boys the stake they have in the struggle. But, in too many instances, we are conducting our individual and collective activities on a "business as usual" basis. Our pastimes, too, assume the hilarity and character befitting a world enjoying peace, instead of a time when humanity is submerging in blood.

Recently, we had a most sorrowful reawakening that the war is not over. What shall we do about it? Merely shake our heads, shrug our shoulders, or mournfully comment on the military setbacks? Our reaction must find expression in mobilization of thought and effort on behalf of the war.

From a community standpoint, our War Service Committee should be summoned to action. Our communal activities should be revamped, co-ordinated, and, if necessary, curtailed. Judging from my own calendar, we are entirely too busy with purely civilian enterprises. Many of us work under the notion that our brother civilians require morale-uplifters above all else. We feel our civilians must be entertained, amused and their attention diverted from the sombre war picture. It reached a point of actual coddling of the "poor" civilian. . . .

We are mature men and women. Let us grasp fully the significance of recent events. They mean prolongation of the War: which in turn spells loss of precious lives, maiming and crippling in body and mind. Our efforts can help. For instance, we can give blood. The Army and Navy tells us that it is urgently needed in ever-increasing quantities. The availability of blood plasma or fresh blood will determine whether someone's boy is going to come home.

We can train for Nurses' Aides. Experienced nurses are urgently needed on the battle fronts. To relieve trained nurses serving in our hospitals, the Red Cross is calling for Nurses' Aides, who can perform essential duties. Many of our young women are capable of performing these functions superbly. We can also help by enlisting in any other Red Cross projects.

The Government is asking for volunteer workers in the Defense Plants. It would be to the credit of our community if we can organize volunteer work battalions. The tasks are many indeed. We must ask ourselves constantly what am I doing concretely to help? We may even look into the work of our organizations and see whether or not we can arrange meetings bi-monthly, instead of the usual monthly meeting. And those meeting weekly or bi-weekly should also meet at less frequent intervals. The time and manpower, which goes into preparing these meetings, should be pressed into some vital War Effort. Such a plan would not hamper the work or services rendered by our groups.

The same consideration should govern our spending money for pleasurable pursuit. Let us be mindful of the fact that we have not redeemed our obligation by having contributed to the Federation and other charitable causes. Let us remember that, in times like these, we never really cover the full need. What ever we can spare in addition, particularly by avoiding extravagant parties and lavish festivities, we can bring life itself to some wretched, innocent soul.

In the matter of winter vacations, we should consider well the following plea which comes from the Jewish Welfare Board:

"If you are planning a winter vacation, there is an important contribution you can make to the War Effort.

There are certain centers in the country, which have been set aside by the War Department for wounded and other men who have seen service overseas.

The problem is this: A number of these rehabilitation centers are popular winter resorts to which many of us have been going for years. Today, however, these places, because of the influx of servicemen, have become crowded in the extreme. The result is that servicemen are unable to get rooms for their families who quite naturally wish to be with them. These centers are: Miami, Florida; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Lake Placid, New York; Atlantic City, New Jersey; Asheville, North Carolina; and Santa Monica, California. Do not go to these places."

We should accept these Government regulations, as well as rationing, cheerfully.

"SHALL YOUR BROTHERS GO TO THE WAR, AND SHALL YE SIT HERE?"

Our answer should correspond to the one found in the Bible: "WE OURSELVES WILL BE READY . . . UNTIL WE HAVE BROUGHT THEM TO THEIR PLACES." (Numbers 32, 17.)

to report what is actually a fact. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldstein have received a wire that their son, Edward, is missing in action. We've all got our fingers crossed that everything will be on the up and up and Ed will return to us safe.

The deadline is within five minutes, so we'll have to give you the AROUND THE TOWN business next week.

THE DEAN'S LIST

I. Dean Silverman

Still no Fraternity League games, but the two Center teams—the A's and B's—closed the year with victories. Starting next Sunday, however, all teams swing back into action, including the Creaking-bone AC.

The A's took their third straight, beating the Woodstock AC 38-29. In the loser's lineup were Perham and Langella of the Portland High squad. The A's also had to overcome the Holiday week-end and the DK Convention in Boston. Never at any time during the game were the home boys threatened, taking an early lead and holding it throughout. Kenny Waks celebrated his appointment as Captain by ending his drought with two foul shots. "Pop Kennedy" Godfrey made his debut as referee and stole the show. He didn't miss a play as he called 18 fouls on the A's and 11 on the Woodstocks.

Thursday night the B's messed up their perfect record by winning their first game of the year. The victims were the Redskins, who had previously lost to the A's, by a 40-32 count. The B's, playing the brand of ball they were capable of but forgetting, took a 10-2 lead in the first quarter and stayed in front all the way. At one point in the third period, however, it looked as if they would revert to form and drop another. In the last period, with less than five minutes to play, Bobby Litman made his first appearance of the year and wound up as the game's high scorer with 10 points. Hank Gilbert celebrated his birthday by tying his previous high mark of six points. After the game Burt Cook was elected Captain of the team.

Before we get into the new year—this is being written on the 1st by candlelight—we would like to

G. I. GIBLETS

A New Year and another triumph for Home Hospitality. One of the points of induction was Thelma and Mildred Cohen's party. Personnel—the new "Purple Heart" arrivals from overseas. Their first pass from Fort Preble ably introduced them to Portland's friendliness.

"Coach" columnist of this week was Si Schwartz, RM 3/c, who lately sang in the "Anchors Aweigh Show of 1944." He repeated his grand and long remembered performance New Year's Eve at the Zimmerman home. Says Si, "The Zimmerman household will long retain a soft spot in our hearts, and we wish to thank everyone concerned publicly (we have privately) for the swell time they showed the boys—I know that I speak for all of them."

Right now, we're sitting in the USO Lounge without a current magazine on the rack! There must be many magazines, new but already read, in your home. My, how colorful (and by the way, useful and wanted) on our magazine rack! !

King Winter roared too loudly last Thursday nite and isolated Peaks Island from the USO itinerary! ! From the comments of the boys, we know again that the Thursday nite get-togethers after Services are looked forward to. We'll continue to brave the wintry winds whenever we can! !

Best wishes to Beatrice Lerman on her engagement to Charles Chorney. Cupid has nailed another good USO worker.

Buzz to the culinary experts! ! We're not scavengers, but the remains for last night's party table can cause many a serviceman's mouth to water—Bernice Heifetz isn't psychic, you know—but that finds its way to the Snack Bar unsolicited is always tremendously welcome.

How many New Year's Resolutions have you already broken? ?

review the old. Basketball held the spotlight then as now, but the gym classes were only half the present size. Games were few and far between, and the team was made up of Yudy Elowitch, Jo-Jo Gordon, Icky Abramson, Chuck Boxstein, and yours truly. Icky is now somewhere in Uncle Sam's service, while Jo-Jo is at Maine waiting for his call. When the Boys' Club tournament came along we put practically the whole gym class in as a team and saw the boys go through to the semi-finals where they lost to the eventual champs. From that outfit Carl Lerman is now in uniform and the kid brother is on his way overseas.

The softball team started with nothing and wound up as the strongest club in the league, finish-

ing in second place. Some will be around again next year to play—Jimmy Byrnes willing—others will join those already in uniform.

That brings us up to date. We hope that this time next year we can announce that all those who have left us are again in a Center uniform. The best that we can wish you is that you can enjoy the same feeling that we get in associating with the greatest bunch of kids in the world.

The Center A's go big-time this coming Tuesday night when they take on the Cape Elizabeth High varsity. The schedule for the balance of the month is as yet tentative, but it is almost certain that Falmouth and Scarboro will be the opposition. Game time is eight-thirty.

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