

Dr. Clement Stimson Relates Experience In War Zones

Dr. Clement A. Stimson spoke to a group of men at the semi-monthly Brotherhood meeting in the social hall of Grace Evangelical and Reformed church Wednesday evening. A committee of the Women's Guild had made all arrangements and served a potluck dinner at 7:30 o'clock to the delight and satisfaction of all the men present. Rev. Edwin H. Horstman, pastor of the church, led the fellowship singing.

Dr. Stimson spoke at length of his experiences in the armed services in which all present, including the Women's Guild committee, showed a great deal of interest and appreciation. The Aleutians, the Hawaiian Islands, the Marshalls, the southwest Pacific, Saipan, Okinawa and Tokio were the general centers of activity. The brutalizing influences of war, the terrible destruction, the needless waste, inefficiency and horror were shocking revelations to many of the listeners.

The next regular meeting will be held in March. A committee composed of Phil Talamantes, Lloyd Butler and Arthur Lichau will be in charge.

Chico Record

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Pentz Newlyweds Given Charivari

Mr. and Mrs. James DeRego of Pentz, who were recently married, were given a charivari Saturday night at their Cherokee home by a group of neighborhood friends.

Bells, tin cans and horns served as noise makers. The newlyweds met the group at the door and invited them in for refreshments. Later they all proceeded to the Pentz Hall where they danced and visited. Musicians in the group furnished the music and at midnight a light supper was served. The group gave the DeRegos a purse with which to buy something for their new home they have purchased in Oroville.

Friends who planned and attended the party were Dee and Ruby Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ladara, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Nunes, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dausey and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Francis, Melvin Francis, Frank Souze, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Campbell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Huber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Len Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Van Gooden, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Nield, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Williams, Dolores Williams, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schuerman and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Reil, Mr. W. R. Gates, Edward Francis, Mr. and Mrs. George Duensing, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Duensing and son, Mr. and Mrs. Castle, Bill Nield and Berniece Biggers.

Words Different but Sentiment Familiar in 1846 Valentine

Chickory-Chick (cha la cha la) with a huba huba for his sweetie-pie hasn't a thing on the Valentine Day sentiments of James Monroe Burt, even if his sentiments did move along to love's old sweet song.

This is the 100th anniversary of the day that the bewhiskered gentleman sent a rhymed message on lacy (and now yellowed) paper to a lady who always will be known only as "Miss P.", but who inspired a graceful lyric of affection long, long ago.

The valentine has been brought to light by Mrs. Elizabeth Swords, 214 Grand Avenue, great-niece of the "gentleman flirt" who sent it.

Burt sent his graceful message to his lady when he was living in Quincy, Ill., two years before he came to Oroville, Calif., where he became a well known lawyer and judge. Perhaps, his great-niece said, he was the "gentleman flirt" as "Miss P" responded in her own answering verse, because he was still a bachelor when he died there in 1884.

The valentine poem apparently accompanied a gift of perfume.

This is what Burt wrote:

"In old Greece there 'dwelt a crying philosopher
Who wept at man's follies, their loves and their fears
But in reading each classic book, poem and glossary
I cannot discover that he bottled his tears.

"But in these modern days they are more precious things
The lover departing is o'ercome with the trial
To leave you, Miss P., deep pain from him wrings
Tears that are tightly sealed up in this vial.

"Oh cherish the relics! and if ever hereafter
Your heart should be pained and troubled with fears
Just pull out the cork, if you can do it for laughter
And with Jim's loving drops, mix your own flowing tears."

To this rather sad valentine sentiment, Miss P. responded:

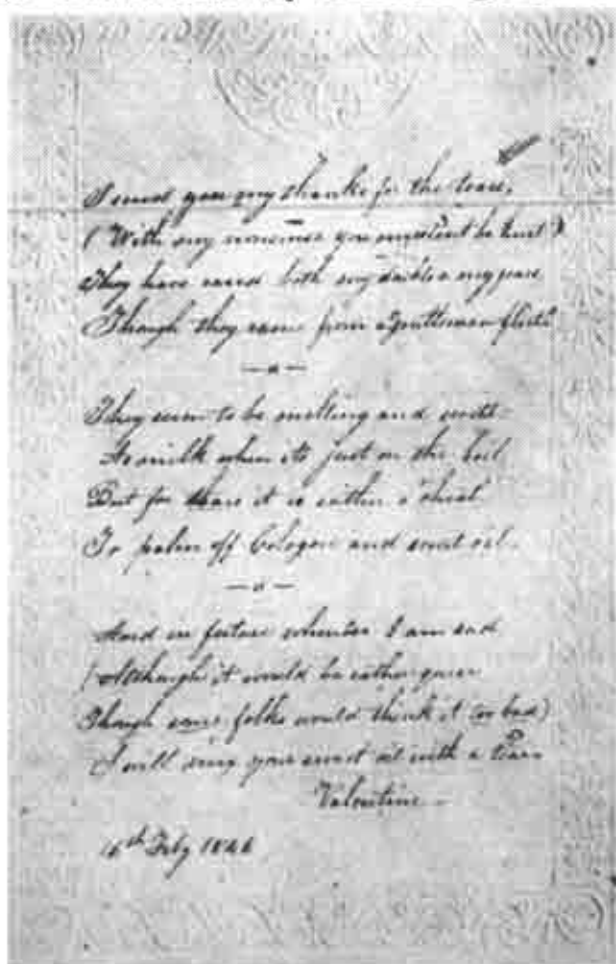
"I send you my thanks for the tears,
(With my nonsense you mustn't be hurt)
They have eased both my doubts and my fears,
Though they came from a 'gentleman flirt.'

Note: Mrs. Elizabeth Swords is the daughter
of Bessie Burt Leggett Swords

"They seem to be melting and sweet
As milk when it's just on the boil,
But for tears it is rather a cheat
To palm off cologne and sweet oil.

"And in future whene'er I am sad
Although it would be rather queer
Though some folks would think it
too bad
I will mix your sweet oil with a
tear."

Whether because the Valentine
Day sentiments didn't work out as
he had hoped—or for whatever rea-
son—two years later Burt put aside
such sentiments and was brought
to California by Indian guides.



This yellowed, lacy-edged valentine was written 100 years ago by an unknown "Miss P" in response to one that James Monroe Burt, later an Oroville attorney and judge, had sent her with a bottle of cologne. In spite of Burt's poetically expressed sentiments, he remained a bachelor all his life.



James Monroe Burt, author
of the 100-year-old valen-
tine. He was the great-
uncle of Mrs. Elizabeth
Swords, 214 Grand Avenue,
who owns it.

Oroville Mercury Register

2-21-1946

Slot Machines Basis For Suit

Charging that the defendants, among other things, have installed four slot machines and put oil on a frog pond on property southeast of Paradise, a suit has been filed in superior court for rent, damages, and the restitution of the property.

Esther J. Detlow filed suit against Phillip F. Jelmyer, Grace M. Jelmyer, Alma I. Chadwick, Bob Collings and Jack Williams to recover \$170 rent, \$500 damages, and for restitution and possession of the property. A stone building, a service station and various sheds are located on the property, according to the papers.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendants have failed to pay rent as was agreed upon, and that they have not kept the premises in repair.

Gray and Minasian are attorneys for the plaintiff.

2-22-1946

Yankee Hill Tavern Operator Charges Son Stole Her Liquor Then Sold It

A grand theft complaint against her son, whom she alleges sold \$1800 worth of liquor from her Rock House Tavern on Feather River Highway near Yankee Hill, has been filed in Oroville Justice Court by Mrs. Alma Chadwick.

Phillip Jelmyer was being held in Oroville in lieu of \$5,000 bail. He is charged by his mother with

selling a liquor supply from her tavern to Bud Metcalfe, former Chico tavern owner and proprietor of the Oroville Soda Works, for \$1800.

Mrs. Chadwick, who signed the complaint at Oroville Curran Hospital, where she is recovering from a serious operation, alleges her son had no partnership interest in the tavern and that the liquor was her sole property.

Justice of the Peace Harry Hills of Oroville said Justice of the Peace W. H. McAnarlin of Durham Township, in whose district the tavern is located, agreed the case should be heard in Oroville as a convenience to Mrs. Chadwick.

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2-22-1946

Rock House Owner Causes Son's Arrest

Mrs. Alma Chadwick, owner of the Rock House Tavern on the Feather River Highway near Yankee Hill, has filed a complaint in Oroville Justice Court against her son Phillip Jelmyer charging him with grand theft. Justice of the Peace Hills set bail at \$5000.

The complaint, signed by Mrs. Chadwick at the Oroville-Curran Hospital, where she is recuperating from a serious operation, alleges that Jelmyer sold the stock of whiskey at the Rock House Tavern to Bud Metcalk, proprietor of the Oroville Soda Works, for \$1800. She alleged that her son had no partnership interest in the place and that the liquor was her property alone.

Hills said that Justice of the Peace W. H. McAnarlin of Durham Township, in whose district the Rock House is located, agreed that the case should be heard in Oroville as a convenience to Mrs. Chadwick.

Jelmyer was arrested today at the Rock House and returned by ambulance to Oroville. He received a medical discharge from the service recently.

He will be held in the county hospital until he is able to raise bail.

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3-8-1946

To whom this may concern: Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jelmyer due to ill health do give to Mrs. Alma Chadwick their interest in said Rock House, 22 miles east of Oroville. All stock, fixtures, tools, bar glasses, etc. We will not be responsible for any bills other than those contracted by ourselves after this date.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip F. Jelmyer.

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3-11-1946

Mother Files

New Charge

A second complaint against her son, Phillip Jelmyer, was sworn to today by Mrs. Alma Chadwick, who operates the Rock House Tavern on the Feather river highway, near Yankee Hill.

Mrs. Chadwick charges her son with assault. The case will be heard in Durham Justice court today. Also facing charges will be Floyd Lindsay on an assault charge, and Grace Jelmyer on a charge of disturbing the peace, authorities said.

Jelmyer is out on \$1000 bail following a charge of grand theft made by Mrs. Chadwick. This complaint alleges that Jelmyer sold the stock of whisky at the tavern for \$1800.

Mrs. Chadwick, who is a patient at Oroville Curran Hospital, was visiting the Rock House when the alleged assault occurred, Sheriff Forward said.

The Sacramento Bee

3-23-1946

Mother Drops Theft Charge Against Son

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), March 23.—District Attorney Jack M. McPherson has announced the charge of grand theft filed against Phillip Jehlmeyer by his mother, Mrs. Alma Chadwick, have been dropped. The charges involved the sale of \$1,800 worth of liquor.

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Friday, June 21, 1946

Deirup Rules In Rock House Suit

Superior Judge Harry Deirup has given a judgment in favor of Esther J. Detlow in her suit against Alma I. Chadwick for damages and restitution of the Rock House on Highway 24.

Mrs. Chadwick was ordered to pay \$480 in unpaid rent and \$100 damages for breach of contract. Deirup stipulated that if all assessed costs were paid up within five days the original contract would be considered in effect. In that event, the judgment stated, Mrs. Chadwick would pay \$100 a month rent for the Rock House.

Gray and Minisian were attorneys for Mrs. Detlow.

Oroville Mercury Register

9-20-1946

**Take It
From
Me**

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**By Vida
SHEPARD**

A nice thing about our trip to Cherokee Monday was that we got enough copy for three days. More than that really but there's no use overdoing it, especially since our Mr. Babcock did a nice job (with nine illustrations) on the same subject less than three weeks ago.

When we were up there we saw sections of the huge pipe which formerly brought water to Cherokee. A flume brought the water part way from Concow and the pipe finished the job.

We saw the region where one of the sensational early day murders took place. The story was that Susie McDaniel, whose father was a manager of one of the mines, was one of the belles of Cherokee. A mine worker who had seen her about the town fell madly in love with the girl. One night as Susie and Marie Glass, her chum, with their escorts were crossing a little bridge on their way to a dance, Susie's admirer, crazed with jealousy grabbed at one of her long curls, jerked her hair back and slit the girl's throat.

The mines closed down as all the workers gave chase and finally the murderer was trapped and burned in a cabin. Other murder victims at different times were a Chinaman, and several Indians.

Mining Engineer

We heard another tale of a young mining engineering student who had been told that the source of the Cherokee gold was something of a mystery. It would take too many words to explain the situation—even if we understood it—but briefly no one has ever been able to figure out why the fabulous vein of gold was where it was, geologically speaking.

This young student decided on a trip to Cherokee to solve the problem that was vexing scientists, to write a brilliant paper, and to graduate with honors. After making a trip to the mines and getting the lay of the land he returned to the university, wrote no paper, and barely graduated. After confiding in his professor as to his plans the young man was told that it was just as well that he hadn't tackled the problem.

Peaceful Spot

The Cherokee cemetery is a peaceful spot. Extending along the slope of the hill it has a beautiful view in several directions. Most of the old headstones are of marble and some of them are beautifully carved. Doves, lilies, clasped hands and lambs were favorite subjects which were handled with skill by masters in the stonecutters art of 80 years or so ago. Some of the graves are outlined in marble, some have wrought iron railings around them and there are a few verses inscribed on the marble. There is nothing at all depressing about the cemetery which is a restful place and not unpleasant on a sunny day.

Blue Slate

There is still a lot of the blue slate which caused the miners much grief in the early days. So hard is this rock that it was said to be "harder than the hinges of hell," or just "harder" for short. When they ran into the blue slate the miners used a special vocabulary which was said to be most colorful.

Famous Names

Many famous men have had a part in the history of Cherokee. Gardner Williams, who later made a fortune in the South African mines, was at Cherokee for a time. Andrew Mellon once bought the 1,500 acres of the Spring Valley mine, later sold the valuable water rights to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company and passed the mine on to a group of Chico men who later sold it to the late T. L. Vintin.

Chico Record

10-28-1946

POLICE NOTES

Thomas Hoaglin, resident of the Chico Indian Reservation, was fined \$20 in justice court this morning after pleading guilty to disturbing the peace, allegedly committed on the premises of the Arrowhead Indian Herbs Co. yesterday.

His wife, Mrs. Adeline Hoaglin, signed the complaint.

Hoaglin was accused of using profane language in a loud and boisterous manner in the presence of women and children.

Justice of the Peace S.P. Robbins handed out the sentence.