

BACK TRACKS

TEN YEARS AGO
 Dick Fisher son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher of Greenwood will represent Greenwood in the county meeting contest.

Miss Esther Miller is elected president of the Business and Professional Women's Club. Miss Mary Adams is the retiring president.

Mrs. Robert Schumaker of Hammond previous officer, is here to inspect the local Pul-Ita XV chapter of Rotary county club tonight.

A call for children's clothing was made at a meeting of the Associated Charities Board held last night at the home of Mrs. Fred Owen.

April played a real joke by arriving in a heat of cold.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
 Churches are preparing special services for Easter. Krishna tonight at the Presbyterian church.

The Lady's Supper and music will commemorate night of betrayal this evening at Tabernacle Christian church.

The city council will talk at the meeting tonight about purchasing a new fire truck.

W. A. Burton, president of the Association of Business Officers of Indiana Convention and Officers, will attend a meeting at the Severn Hotel in Indianapolis.

SAYINGS OF Noted People
 by K. M. A.

ATLANTIC CITY — Florida Lachanda takes over as director general of the USO. "I want good, not expensive, I want fast ships, not slow-moving ones. I want good tape and spaghetti."

WASHINGTON — Lord Gen. Ira C. Baker: "We must expect that any enemy will attack us over the great divide ranges across the majestic north polar area and with the weapons of air power. These ranges are quite feasible for pre-emptive military attacks."

WASHINGTON — Sen. James W. Hoffman (D) Ohio demands Britain should abandon both sides he abandoned "America has no apology to offer for its original sin, but if we continue to degrade our people and ourselves in cases of peace while world tranquillity is still hanging in the balance, we are not only humiliating our own land name but we are condemning the possibility of international understanding for all time to come."

NEW YORK — Iranian Ambassador Hassan Ala tells the UNO: "I have no information, official or otherwise, that any Soviet troops have crossed the border from Iran into Russia. I do not doubt that Soviet troops have been moved from certain localities of Iran — at least to other parts of Iran."

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Others to the extent of \$1000 were given in late to make proper provision for the needs of the unit.

Entered Community Life
 In its three and one-half year existence the club has entered strongly in the postwar-civilian life of the community. Starting from its small quarters, it expanded to the large club it had within in recent months and increased the services offered to Clark's soldiers.

Such services as writing facilities, post-views, pool tables, pin-pong, music, arts and crafts, snack bar, all in obtaining location, showers, books, magazines, cards and dances were on the daily list of activities.

A contingent of community girls and ladies contributed their time and energy to the functioning of the club. They performed volunteer work in mending the desks and providing necessary labor in arranging parties and dances.

In these past, weekly suppers were served by the ladies to the members of the military and their families. Young girls as members of the club served as dining partners and companions for the various affairs.

Board of Management
 Responsible in its small measure for the success of the club was the board of management, which as various times listed the following: Regular officers among its members: Cassie Kellams, Miss Margaret Mott, Dewey Mansel, Owen Hardin, Ira Smith, Glenn O. Mills, Mrs. Ben Dixon, Mitchell Clark, W. P. Loucks, James Beards, M. E. Dyer, Mrs. Harold Patterson and Mrs. H. Grant Lind.

Professional workers employed by the club as directors and assistant directors included: T. A. Blank, October 1942, to March, 1943; A. D. Reimann, March, 1943, to May, 1943; O. Milton Dierbeck, May, 1943, to March, 1944; William C. McCree, April, 1944, to May, 1944; Glenn O. Mills, June, 1944, to November, 1945; Frank Schellmer, November, 1945, to date.

Assistant directors hired by the club to do program duties were Mrs. Mildred Chauncey, Roy A. Lansing and James Kirk, who is the last to perform this work.

Great Credit For Work
 Although a large share of credit for the success of the organization in returning belongs to the volunteers who gave of their time and included such individuals as Mrs. Lucy Miller, Miss Stella M. Dyer, bread and Mrs. Paul Christian, a group of business men added largely to the work.

Most of these men were members of the board of management and others assisted in recognition of their share in this credit. These persons, John Latta and Robert Clagerty, Edinburg recently attended a convention in honor of the national anniversary of the organization and recognition of those who were instrumental in the functioning of the local unit was given in the form of War Service Certificates. Several of ladies and young girls were also honored.

The Edinburg USO was situated within one block from the local railroad station and was of sufficient size to accommodate several hundred persons.

Had Large Layout
 The local consisted of a large central room for dancing, card games and social events. This also contained the snack bar. There was a quiet room equipped with phonograph records and a library, an arts and crafts room with equipment for ceramic, leather working and shellcraft, and a smaller room adjoining this with ironing facilities.

A game room with checkers and pool tables and shower rooms set up in line with the director's office and the snack bar kitchen, accounted for the remaining space.

On an average full month of service, attendance records often showed 8000 persons visiting and re-visiting the USO. Its proximity to the depot provided a waiting room and hot food for hundreds of soldiers shipping out from Camp Atterbury.

Entertainment features regularly scheduled included films with car service and tele-phonograph calls as the prices and free movies.

Retired Loving Function
 Soldiers and civilians in the Edinburg area report using this valuable function for on April 1 the club sang down the curtain on three years' war's operation, making a full contribution to the welfare of thousands of new soldiers.

War-weary veterans of the 83rd, 89th, 92nd and 98th divisions and personnel of the Fifth Service Company, joined members with carloads of entertainment and benefits offered by the USO. Until while they were working and training for the strenuous business of fighting at nearby Camp Atterbury.

No Formal Ceremonies
 No formal ceremonies marked the closing. Pin-pong games were being on as usual even as the last afternoon was being dipped out of the last irrigation can remaining in stock. Some rather lullish music was coming from the piano, as if the girl seated there was thinking: "What do I care... tomorrow this piano won't be here, I won't be here... so why should I get up any more?"

Seated throughout the town were several soldiers' wives, all quiet, but thoughtful, no attempts to strike up casual conversations. What was the first? Tomorrow there would be no place to meet new acquaintances or wife make do?

Seated alone at a table a soldier was making a piece of pie someone disappear. No one stopped to say "hello" or one set out to join him.

Local Volunteers Present
 Some of the most loyal and faithful of the volunteer workers and employees were there—Mrs. Don Bowers, Mrs. Eva Bowman, Mrs. Danzell Clark, Mrs. Rosset Kilme, Mrs. Paul Christian, perhaps more.

All expressed regret at the closing of the club, they felt it deeply for they had enjoyed their hosts there and no doubt brought joy to many soldiers and their families through countless services and their sincere desire to be of help.

Mr. Schellmer, director of the club since last October, was busy mending the last pictures from the walls, clearing through the folders which comprised the history of the club's operation, and doing all the last-minute duties connected with closing.

An ordained minister before entering U.S.O. work, Mr. Schellmer returns to the pulpit at a liberal contribution.

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