



Mrs. Edgar C. Beck, above, seated, is co-treasurer of the American Parcels for Prisoners of War Association, with Miss M. Grace Schwinn. Also pictured are, left to right, Miss Schwinn, assistant treasurer, Mrs. M. Lockwood Kruger and Mrs. William F. Shirley in charge of gift and tobacco orders, and Mrs. Arthur Victor, Jr., assistant treasurer for the association.



Mrs. Andrew C. Ritchie, seated left, secretary, and Mrs. Harry L. Miner, also seated, executive director of the Parcels organization, are photographed with their assistants, left to right, standing, Mrs. Bernard D. Welt, Mrs. Henry S. Glenn, Mrs. C. Beckwith Cook, Mrs. William Van VanSchoonhoven and Miss Kelly.

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and use to good advantage the 11 pounds which may be shipped; (4) many next of kin who work all day in war plants cannot find the time to shop, pack and mail the box from the postoffice.

From all over the country come checks and requests for parcels to be sent overseas, from Texas, from Florida, California and New York, and these invariably are followed up by testimonials from the internees and from their relatives, alike, praising the work of this staunch band of women which is making an otherwise unbearable life, endurable.

Because the Japanese government does not permit delivery of such packages, the organization is unable to fill requests for prisoners in the Orient. The association does have, however, a long list of prisoners in Germany who have no near relatives to supply them with parcels, and these the committee is able to look after through a special fund contributed by individual donors. These packages, unfortunately, may not contain food.

Seasonings Popular Request

Chocolate, cheese, hard candy and seasonings are the most popular request items, although pepper is not included in the list. It is too easy to blind a guard by hurling it in his eyes. The food shipped is selected after careful consideration of their nutritional value and non-perishable qualities, inasmuch as it requires from three to four months for delivery of a parcel.

The committee has at its fingertips the list of food items which are permissible, many of which are procured directly from the factory. There also is a listing of articles which are not available here and may be ordered through the organization from Canada to be sent directly to American and British internees in Germany. Games and sports equipment orders are limited to 11 pounds and may be sent once a month; tobacco products sent separately may go once every two weeks.

One parcel of books weighing not more than five pounds may be sent every 30 days by anyone as they do not require a permit. They may be ordered through the Parcels organization or through a local bookstore, and must be on the list of accepted books, which number 67 and include historical novels, mystery stories, Western, short stories, light verse, puzzles, brain teasers, picture problems as well as non-fiction.

Book Actress Pointing Role

Fortune Switches Again Success as Pilar

HE HUGHES is strange that a great actress like Heddra Gabler, in the role of Hedda Gabler, once then was a complete failure.

ly sure that her next part will not only be good, but successful. Everyone respects her work—and admires her courage, for she had to learn a bitter lesson. She came here with a big reputation from Greece, but in America she found nobody cared anything about that. Now she is determined to win American renown. If her good luck outweighs her bad, she probably will succeed.

GIRL ABOUT TOWN—Most of the byline newspaperwomen I know have been, or are being tapped for radio. This time of year, sponsors get restless, want changes, new names, new ideas. Every year the radio sales staff seeks to make raids on women newspaper names, and every year they pick off a few. But for the most part, New York newspapers object to permitting their by-lined fashion and beauty editors to double in radio. It stirs up trouble with advertisers, and plants fancy ideas about salaries in the scribes' minds, for radio pays off somewhat more handsomely than newspapering. Generally those who once taste radio dough, soon desert the city room for the microphone.

GOOD-BYE MRS. VANDERBILT . . . We feel sentimentally about a good many things. One took place this year, at the old, brownstone front at 640 Fifth Ave. That is where the famed Dowager Mrs. Cornelius Vander-

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Mrs. Stuart C. Welch, above, standing, is chairman of the organization which serves the nation. With her are Mrs. William H. Gurney, left, and Mrs. William More Decker, Jr., co-chairman of the Opportunity Shop located at 269 Delaware Ave., where the sale of costume jewelry and donated household articles pays all the overhead expense of financing the Parcels for Prisoners Association.

Opportunity Shop Sales Supply Overseas Parcels

Depleted Stock Needs Replenishing to Keep Steady Stream of Packages Going to Prisoners

By MARY R. FRANKLIN

There seems to be no adequate reason why the American Parcels for Prisoners of War Association, registered with the President's War Relief Control Board in the nation's capital, should find it necessary to plead its cause to Buffalonians. Yet such is the

organization, organized in November, 1942, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Stuart C. Welch, for the sole purpose of sending personal food and clothing parcels to American prisoners of war and civilian internees in German prison camps, has its means of support from sales at the Opportunity Shop, located at 269 Delaware Ave. There never has been any question as to the customers' purchasing power. But the available stocks are getting slim.

All kinds of salable articles, in good condition are needed, and needed desperately: Costume jewelry, china, silver, glassware, small furniture, bric-a-brac. The organization's accounts are kept in two books. One is for the shop which pays all the overhead for the national parcels organization; the other for the next-of-kin customers who submit checks approximating the bill for their package. A card file is kept, in some cases the balance refunded, in others it is held as a deposit on the next shipment.

To date, the organization has shipped 4,054 next-of-kin food parcels and 2,838 gift parcels which are composed of games, sports equipment, cigarettes, books, artists' supplies, and the like, making a grand total of 6,892 packages. Among the tireless workers, both packers and shop workers, not pictured today, are Mesdames Daniel J. Kenefick, Jr., Lawrence D. Bell, Harley F. Drolinger, Robert McClellan, Giles Braden, David T. Sinclair, Charles

Munschauer, S. H. MacAlan, Walter H. Ferguson, William M. Hamilton, John Q. Clarke, Thomas S. Duncanson, Ralph W. Archdeacon and Jennie Johnson.

Free Shopping Service

The Parcels organization offers free, personal service to relatives of American prisoners of war or civilian internees, by packing and shipping food and clothing parcels with their next of kin label permits which are issued once every 60 days to the person named by the prisoner as his beneficiary, by the Office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington. Each parcel is especially packed for the individual prisoner and includes articles requested by the prisoner or his family, provided such articles are permitted by government shipping regulations. A free, personal shopping service is available for the purchase of articles not stocked by the organization. The next of kin may forward small articles of clothing, toilet articles or food to the committee to be included in the parcel.

There are four paramount reasons why such an organization is invaluable, both to those imprisoned far from home and to those who eagerly await their return. Through special priority (1) items are bought at wholesale and sold at cost without ration points; (2) the committee knows what is permitted; (3) it also knows how to arrange the parcels

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Mrs. Alton F. Wood, left, above, in charge of the buying of foods and director of packing, is pictured with her assistants. They are, left to right, Mrs. J. Robert Teall, arranging a package requested from Nevada; Mrs. John Pennington, from Connecticut; Mrs. Chauncey J. Hamlin, Jr., Arkansas; Mrs. C. Edgar Schabacker, New Jersey; Miss Mabel Wipperman, New York; Mrs. Joseph Davis, New Jersey.



Measuring and repackaging the dehydrated foods such as carrots, tomato flakes, banana flakes, powdered milk, etc., for inclusion in food parcels are, left to right, above, Mrs. William Kelley Hannan, Mrs. Frances M. Berteau, Mrs. Herbert G. Schlegel, Mrs. Barton L. Searle and Miss Christine M. Wheeler.

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