

WAR SERIES (from Scrapbook Database in computer)

No mention of Pearl Harbor. Minutes of Council meeting, 9 December 1941. [Min1 p103]

"As war had been made on the United States the previous Sunday (December 7, 1941) by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, members minds were not on scientific subjects and the attendance was poor. Also there was a large football dinner in the Club which was attended by some of our members."

"...Unfortunately, Mr. Hall's talk was cut short by President Roosevelt's speech regarding the war, which was heard by our members over the radio for half an hour."

Minutes of 282th meeting, 9 December 1941. [Min1 p104]

"The succession of world events during the past year, including , as it did, the entry of the United States as an active participant in the war, has profoundly affected us all. Many of our members are now widely scattered on war related activities and it has provided increasingly difficult to find speakers who are free to discuss their experiences. This raises questions of policy which members will be asked to consider at the Annual Meeting, May 12."

Report of the Secretary Treasurer May 1, 1942. [Min1 p108]

NO MEETINGS WERE HELD IN MARCH OR APRIL.

US Ambassador to Italy since 1936.

"He told of conditions in Italy as he had seen them up to the time of his return to this country in October 1941. He first told what Mussolini had done for Italy--rescued the country from the post-war demoralization following the last war, made the Italian people think they were great warriors, etc., Hitler's visit in 1938. Attempts by President Roosevelt through King Vittorio Emanuele and Mussolini to keep Italy out of the war, Italy's fear of and complete subservience to Hitler. The debacle of the defeat of the Greeks, Italian troops had to be disarmed before returning to Italy, as it was feared they might start a revolt. The people took the loss of Abyssinia five years after its conquest lightly, contempt shown by Germans for the Italians, throttle hold of the Gestapo, Italy an occupied country almost as much as France. Unpopularity of the war among the people. Eclipse of Mussolini."

No 1 of War Series but not listed as such on Notice. It is so listed in the Annual Reports of May 1, 1946. Minutes of 285th meeting, 12 May 1942. Min1 p106]

NOTICE AT BOTTOM: "With the active entry of the United States into the war, it has been decided to discontinue scheduled meetings of the Club. It is hoped to have topical meetings from time to time when interesting speakers on the current situation can be provided." [Meeting database, Meeting 283, Jan 13, 1942]

APPARENTLY FIRST MEETING SINCE MAY 1942. The speaker, member Harold B. Willis, served in both WWI and WWII. Listed on notice as "No 2 of War Series"

Minutes of 286th meeting, 2 March 1944. [Min1 p111]

A joint meeting with the Women's Travel Club.

Notice flyer for No 3 of War Series, March 27, 1945. [Min1 p113]

MIGHT BE WORTH SCANNING.

Minutes of Council meeting, 24 September 1945. [Min1 p115]