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Civic Club Elects Mrs. Neil President

Beautiful in phraseology and tender in feeling was the annual report of the outgoing president of the Women's Civic Improvement Club of Ashland, Mrs. E. D. Briggs, after an incumbency of office for two years. This report will be printed in full in Monday's Tidings.

A deserved tribute was bestowed upon Mrs. Briggs in again tendering her the position by the unanimous vote of the club members present; an honor which she courteously but firmly declined.

Work that speaks for itself has been accomplished in the past two years. The earnest co-operation of members and officers and the high ideal of improving the conditions of our environment led to good results and bound the club members in lasting ties of friendship.

Many acts deserving of public report have been carried out, among which were the awarding of thirty-five prizes for the building of sensible but artistic bird houses which were placed in Lithia park; the co-operation with mayor and council in waging a war against old tin cans and filth in back streets and alleys; the co-operation with the Commercial Club of the city in giving the "home products" dinner which netted the C. I. C. over \$50; the gathering and shipping of old textiles at a net gain of \$65 and of old periodicals of \$53, and of the planting of shrubs and flowering plants and trees and the eradicating of noxious weeds under the chairman of the city beautiful division; and the crowning act of the entire administration of legally adopting a new constitution and by-laws.

Donations have been made to the home band boys by regular monthly payments; also to the committee and superintendent of the children's playground, and for charitable purposes.

And amidst all this busy, arduous, practical work one regular meeting monthly was devoted to intellectual and literary work.

The new officers elected November 14 are: Mrs. Robert Neil, president; Mrs. W. M. Barber, vice-president; Mrs. Frank Putnam, recording secretary; Mrs. Emma L. Jack, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. D. Hodgson, treasurer; Mrs. Sam McNair, Mrs. J. F. Rocho and Mrs. A. L. Lamb, trustees. In every case the office sought the candidate.

Political Class Will Meet Saturday

The ladies' political class will meet again Saturday afternoon at Auxiliary hall. The city charter will be taken up at this meeting and every woman voter in the city should attend. Now that the election is over all partisan feeling will be absent and every voter should attend. Miss Marian Towne will lead as usual.

1917 County Budget Calls For 16 Mills

The budget of estimated expenditures of Jackson county is published elsewhere in this issue and calls for a tax of 16 mills. Owing to the immense reduction in assessable property due to the removal of the Oregon-California railroad grant lands from the tax rolls and the decrease in assessed valuation throughout the county, the 16-mill tax will not raise as much money as the 14-mill tax assessed last year. The budget as printed is worthy of the study of every taxpayer. A final hearing on the county budget will be held by the county court at the court house at Jackson on December 7.

Klamath Falls Votes R. R. Bonds

Klamath Falls voted \$300,000 railroad bonds Tuesday for the purpose of aiding Robert Strahorn in building the proposed California, Oregon & Eastern railroad. The bonds carried 1,222 to 104. Lakeview voted \$20,000 to purchase a right-of-way for the same road, their bonds carrying 249 to 9. An era of unprecedented activity is presaged in eastern Oregon by the positive way in which the various communities are going after the building of the Strahorn roads.

Early Morning Fire Burns Residence

A residence at the corner of Eighth and C streets belonging to Mrs. J. K. Reader was practically destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning about 5:30. The house was occupied by a family by the name of Haeker. According to Fire Chief Robison the fire started from defective wiring. The house was in flames before the blaze was discovered. The fire truck made a fast run and had water on the house in a few minutes, and by putting on two lines of hose checked the fire before the house was totally destroyed, but not before it was damaged beyond repair. All the furniture in the upstairs portion was destroyed, and although a piano and a few other pieces were taken out, much of that on the lower floor was ruined. The house was insured to an extent which will cover about half the loss. The furniture was not insured.

Soon after returning to the station the truck was called out again by a fire in a woodpile back of the Vienna bakery which started from a bonfire, but did no serious damage.

The Medford authorities have passed an ordinance forbidding the use of spotlights on automobiles in the city limits and providing that headlights shall be equipped with dimmers or frosted on the upper half so as not to glare.

The Moose lodge at Weed, California, is to build a temple this winter. Stake driving ceremonies were held last week.

Willamina—A new sawmill is to be built on the Yamhill near here.

VITALLY IMPORTANT.

Hon. Stephen T. Mather, assistant to the secretary of the Interior of Washington, D. C., and who is personal representative of the secretary in all matters pertaining to national parks, will arrive in Ashland late this afternoon in company with Vice-President McCormick of the Southern Pacific and a meeting will be held tonight, beginning at 7:30 sharp, at the city hall, which should be attended by every Ashlander who can possibly get there. Mr. Mather will have a message to bring regarding parks and park works of great import to Ashland, and it is of vital importance that Ashland's interest in the government's development of the attractions of this district be shown by a big attendance and live interest. Mr. Mather's visit to southern Oregon portends big things for Ashland's tourist aims.

Commercial Club Is Out of Debt Twenty-two New Members Join

"It may sound like a laughing matter when Secretary Shinn tells us we are thirteen cents out of debt, but take it from me, it is no joke," ejaculated Frank Jordan, newly elected president of the Ashland Commercial Club, at a rousing meeting held Monday night at which the announcement of the club's freedom from debt was made. As far back as many of the members can remember the club has labored with a burden of debt, unwisely contracted, which blankets activity and drives away prospective members. Now at last the club is actually free from debt, and with ex-



Frank Jordan, newly elected Commercial Club President.

penses reduced to a minimum is in a position to take the part which it should in community affairs and should receive the backing of every citizen.

The story of the fight to remove the debt as told in Secretary Shinn's concise report is one of a real business man's accomplishment. The officials of the Commercial Club, headed by President V. O. N. Smith, are indeed to be congratulated upon the successful culmination of their efforts. Last July the club owed \$307.

War May Reduce City Police Force

We at last have found something which is going down because of the war in Europe. Ashland's police force will probably be reduced, with a resultant saving to the taxpayers of several hundred dollars a year. It works out like this: According to Mayor Johnson, the hobo travel has fallen off to about one-third its normal proportions owing to war prosperity in the east, which has attracted them to the part of the country where pickin's are good. The mayor figures that on this account one of the night patrolmen can be disposed of. He is also working out a unique plan of citizen policemen, eight in number, who will be situated in various parts of the city and serve unpaid, receiving free telephones and preference when extra policemen are hired. These volunteers will serve without pay and will not be asked to make arrests unless they wish, acting more in an informative capacity. Already the city has five officials, the park superintendent, water superintendent, mineral water plant superintendent, street commissioner and city electrician, all of whom have been given some police powers, and the addition of two or three public-spirited citizens will provide an efficient police force which with the chief and one patrolman the mayor figures should be able to handle the police work of the city. Should the hobo travel increase it may become necessary to increase the night force, but it is not thought likely.

Last year thousands of "bos" were rounded up each month and given lodging and free soup at the Fourth street hobo hotel. This year the travel is so light that one man should be able to handle it.

The saving effected will amount to within the neighborhood of \$700 a year, which will make a big cut in the police fund in the city budget.

The local Masonic lodge has invested in a halopticon, to be used in amplification of the work. The apparatus is constructed along the lines of an improved stereopticon and is from the firm of Bausch & Lomb, Rochester, N. Y., makers of astronomical and optical instruments.

Expenses of moving and equipping the model quarters in the city hall totalled \$130. Thus in the last four and a half months the club has paid all running expenses and removed a debt of \$437. Sale of billiard and card tables took care of \$136, the band boys absolved the club of a debt of \$75, and by close economizing and the public-spirited services of Secretary Shinn, who has served at about a half a salary, the remaining \$211 was taken care of from dues.

The club is now fairly and squarely on its feet—in better shape than it has ever been.

Crowning the announcement of freedom from debt came the application of twenty-two new members read at Monday's meeting. Only two resignations, both for good reasons, were handed in. At the next meeting it is to be hoped that twice as many more applications may be had. Every dollar now paid into the club goes for advancement of the city's interests, running expenses no longer eating up the receipts.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Frank Jordan; vice-president, Henry Enders, Jr.; treasurer, Fred Engle. Six of the twelve trustees finished their terms and the following were elected: J. H. McGee, H. O. Frohbach, Louis Dodge, J. W. McCoy, W. E. Newcombe and Hal McNair. Mr. McCoy tried to decline on the grounds that he had been connected with the club in one way and another for many years, but the club members would have none of his objections and he finally accepted.

Several very interesting talks were enjoyed. Superintendent Briscoe told of the work being done to aid students to keep in high school and asked for the co-operation of the business men. Secretary Shinn told of his trip to the Grants Pass sugar factory. City Attorney Moore explained the charter amendment which is to come before the people's vote and expressed himself as heartily in favor of it.

The ball was started rolling for a greater celebration next July.

Council Outlines Tentative Budget

The city council's tentative budget for the coming year will be published in Monday's Tidings. Under the budget system each department of the city government turned in a budget of their estimated requirements for the coming year, these being listed in the budget to be published. Twenty-four and eight-tenths mills tax would be required should all the amounts needed be granted. A final hearing on the budget will be held on the evening of Monday, November 27, and all citizens interested are urged to be present at that meeting. The council met Tuesday night and spent several hours going over the budget and did prune down a few items which it was apparent were not absolutely necessary, but decided to publish the budget as itemized and study over every item carefully between now and the 27th so that all curtailment can be made intelligently. The charter amendment election on the 24th will have a bearing on the budget only to the extent that several of the items will be bunched instead of going into park fund, springs commission fund and publicity fund as at present.

The assessed valuation of the city is about \$100,000 less than that upon which the last year's levy of 18.2 mills was made, and hence in order to obtain the necessary amount the levy will probably be higher this year.

Tenders Mrs. Rocho State Chairmanship

Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, has tendered Mrs. J. F. Rocho of Ashland the chairmanship of the civic committee of the state federation. This recognition comes in view of the prominent part taken by southern Oregon in club work and of the history of effective achievement of the local Civic Improvement Club. It is hoped by her many friends that Mrs. Rocho will accept this high honor.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

S. P. Sends Big Picture of Park

Two immense framed photographs, two and a half by four feet in size, arrived this week at the local Commercial Club as a present from the Southern Pacific railroad. The pictures were taken by the company's photographer, Mr. Tibbits, on the occasion of a recent trip here for that purpose, and are excellent. One of the monster enlargements is on display in the window of the postoffice and has attracted much attention. Like pictures of Lithia park and Mt. Ashland are to be hung in waiting rooms along the line of the Southern Pacific.

State Not Bone Dry Until January

Attorney General Brown has given out his opinion that although the governor can proclaim the bone-dry amendment as a law, it will not go into effect until the legislature has provided a penalty for violation of the law. The legislature does not meet until January. Attorney Brown holds that the present law will remain in effect until the legislature affixes a penalty.

The genuine Gold Bon, pinchback overcoats for young men. All sizes, \$16.50 each, at Mitchell & Whittle's.

Novices Will Be Done to a Turn

"If the sands blister your feet, congratulate yourself that you are not a centipede. If your throat becomes dry and parched, be thankful you are not a giraffe. If your ears ache, be glad you are not a Missouri mule." Is the parting injunction given the novices who will trip over the sands at the Shriner ceremonial to be held in this city next Saturday. The event is to be the biggest in Shrinedom that this city has seen for many desert moons, and the wearers of the fez will come from Marshfield and Dunsmuir and all way points.

A business session will be held at 5:30 p. m., followed by a ceremonial at 8 p. m. and banquet at 11 p. m. Novices, of which there are many, will report at the armory at 7:30. The ladies will be entertained at Masonic hall while the sandstorms are braved by the nobles. Among the doomed are Dr. J. J. Emmens of Medford, E. C. Simmons of Eugene, Geo. E. Lundburg, O. S. Blanchard and Samuel H. Baker of Grants Pass, and W. B. Frasier of Ashland.

Start Planning July Celebration

The first gun in the campaign for a bigger and better celebration for next summer was fired at Commercial Club meeting Monday night when, on motion of H. O. Frohbach, the club voted to have the president appoint a celebration committee to investigate, choose a date and lay preliminary plans for the celebration. Mr. Frohbach stated that the sentiment throughout the city favored another celebration and that with an early start and the experience gained during the huge success of last July an even greater affair would be staged.

The celebration committee will be appointed in the near future. The matter of securing electric light strings to become the permanent possession of the city was also taken up and on motion it was decided to ask the council to investigate the cost. The club members seemed to all favor another celebration, it being conceded that the dedication celebration left many thousands of dollars in the city.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement.

MRS. W. H. HOSLER,
HARRY H. HOSLER,
MRS. GRACE HOSLER,
EARL R. HOSLER,
MRS. LAURA HOSLER.

Other valley districts are busily engaged in forming federal farm loan associations. The Ashland association was the first formed in the state.

Dope Points to Tie In Saturday Game

Five hundred rooters from Medford equipped with megaphones and flying red and black colors will belabor forth cries of defiance from the east bleachers at the Ashland high school athletic field Saturday afternoon, aided in their efforts by their band. The bleachers on the west side have been moved up to the sidelines and the entire membership of the local school will answer the waves of sound which roll across from the Medford side. At 2:30 o'clock sharp the din will grow terrific and then be replaced by a brief moment of breathless silence broken by the shrill of the referee's whistle sending the two undefeated teams of southern Oregon against each other in the annual contest which marks the culmination of the football season in the Rogue River valley.

A record-breaking crowd is anticipated and all indications point toward the greatest game of the history of the game in this section. On the dope the Medford team has a slight advantage, but the Ashlanders are not conceding any advantage and are sending in a team which has not yet this season had an opportunity to display its full strength and is more or less of an unknown quantity. From an unbiased viewpoint the game looks like a tie, and a total score of more than fifteen points would come as a surprise. Captain Cunningham may not be able to play with Ashland, his neck still giving him trouble from the smash received in the second game of the season. Brower is back in the game and will probably start at end or in the backfield. Ashland has an exceptionally well balanced team with defensive possibilities which are most encouraging. Whether the fight and power is there remains to be seen. Coach Klum is bringing up a team from Medford which has been improving with every game and which is not handicapped by the absence of a single player on account of injuries. They are coming to win. Medford will probably play an open game and are said to have a bewildering assortment of passes and outside kicks.

A big street rally and bonfire will be held downtown tomorrow night and a special stunt is being arranged for between halves of the game.

Loan Association Wants \$100,000

J. F. Rocho, secretary of the Ashland Federal Loan Association, has received a package of literature concerning the loan proposition from the secretary at Washington, D. C., for distribution to anyone who will call upon him. Mr. Rocho also informs the Tidings that the local association has reached the \$100,000 mark and more in sight.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

VINING THEATRE
THURSDAY

WILLIAM S. Hart

The man who never smiles

IN
"The Captive God"

ALSO
Another funny
Keystone

'Pills of Peril'

Regular Admission

VINING THEATRE
FRIDAY

DUSTIN FARNUM

The Idol of the Screen, in the play you have all been waiting to see

'Davy Crockett'

A story that is known by every live, red-blooded American

ALSO
Friday Night Is Rally Night

Come and help stir up enthusiasm for the

Big Game Saturday

Regular Admission