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"Ashland Grows While Lithia Flows"  
City of Sunshine and Flowers

# ASHLAND TIDINGS

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## Three More Recruits Go From Ashland

Despite the passage of the conscription act, the young men of Ashland are still coming forward to serve their country's need.

Louis Schofield, grandson of Louis Denn's, signed up Tuesday with Postmaster Kaiser for enlistment in the United States navy. As soon as his transportation arrives he will leave for Portland to take his examination.

Oliver O. Morton of the firm of Morton & Son of the Ashland Mills enlisted in the aviation section of the United States army through Postmaster Kaiser the first of the week and left for Portland Tuesday evening to take the preliminary examination.

E. E. Zimmerman, who makes his home with O. B. Turner in Ashland, is a U. S. army band reservist and got orders to report at the Presidio in San Francisco. He is employed with the circus band of Al G. Barnes' show and came up from Chico to settle up his affairs here before reporting.

## Bowers Probable For Lime Board

Backed by the local Commercial Club, Benton Bowers of this city has received the unanimous endorsement of the executive board of the State Taxpayers' League for appointment to the state lime board. The recommendation has been forwarded to the governor, who has assured the local club that Mr. Bowers' appointment will be seriously considered.

The state lime board is a new board which is to be appointed to develop ways and means of developing the most available lime deposits of the state for use of the farmers. Jackson county has extensive lime deposits, one near Gold Hill being only a mile from the railroad, of highest grade and deemed the most available in the state.

## Talent Field Meet Tomorrow's Event

The annual southern Oregon interscholastic track meet of the secondary schools will be held at the Talent school athletic grounds Friday. This is annually one of the biggest athletic gatherings of the valley, and because war problems have killed the project of a high school meet for this part of the state this spring, the Talent meet will be one of the biggest sport gatherings of the year. A big prize cup is to be given away to the winners. Talent won this cup last year, and if they win it again this year it becomes their possession for good. Central Point, Phoenix, Gold Hill, Eagle Point and Talent, besides a great number of rural schools, will participate, and the competing list is daily becoming larger. The girls will take part in the meet in several events and the boys will be divided into three classes according to age.

Beginning at 10 a. m. tennis matches will be played between teams from the towns, and at the same time the preliminaries in the track and field events will be run off. Each entry will be pitted against competitors in his own class as regards size of school and age.

From 12 until 1 o'clock will be given over to the dinner hour and basket dinners will be enjoyed.

At 1 o'clock the Phoenix quartet will sing. Katherine Nealon of Central Point will recite "Your Flag and My Flag," and State Biologist Finley will deliver an illustrated lecture at the school.

At 2:15 the finals in the track and field events will be held and the basketball throwing contests for distance and baskets and an all-up Indian club race will be staged for the girls. The only girls' races will be fifty yard dashes in the morning.

The most spectacular athletic event of the day, from the viewpoint of the trackmen, will be the 440 yard relay races which will close the track events. Two races, one for town and one for rural schools, will be run.

At 4 o'clock a potato polo race, a thrilling game played on horseback, will be staged, with a \$2.50 cash prize.

A pillow fight and block race with horses will conclude the day's entertainment. Prizes for these events

## FOR FIRES ONLY.

The new soda-water gas fire whistle is too high powered for the eardrums of the citizens living in the near vicinity of the city hall and will hereafter be used in case of fire only. The noon whistle and curfew toots at 9 p. m. will be eliminated. The whistle has an unearthly screech which lifts anyone within a radius of three blocks out of their shoes. It sure is a good fire whistle.

## Governor Will Be Luncheon Guest

Governor Withycombe is to be the guest of the Ashland Commercial Club at a luncheon here on May 15, a committee having been appointed to take charge of the arrangements for the entertainment. The governor will be in Medford on that day to attend the meeting of the Tri-State Good Roads Association and will be accompanied to Ashland by a number of prominent men of the state who will be at the roads meeting. Messrs. W. E. Newcombe, F. D. Wagner and T. H. Simpson will have charge of the luncheon arrangements.

## Former Gold Hill Boy Dead At Albany

Gold Hill, April 29.—(Special)—Elmer R. Churchill, who died at Albany, Oregon, yesterday, was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Churchill. The Churchills were formerly publishers of the Gold Hill News, having left here seventeen years ago and located at Albany, where they have resided ever since.

The deceased was born at Silverton, Oregon, twenty-two years ago. After completing the local schools at Albany he attended Hill Military academy in Portland. About a year ago he became associated with his father in the printing business at Albany.

Mr. Churchill was one of the most active members of the Fifth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, O. N. G. of Albany. He is survived by his parents and his widow, Jennie Babb Churchill, to whom he was married last July.

The deceased and his wife visited Gold Hill last July while on an extended honeymoon trip, visiting many friends here and renewing old acquaintances. The young couple was accompanied by his parents while at Gold Hill.

## Putting Siskiyou Grade In Shape

It is reported that Peryl Davis has a crew of twenty men at work dragging, scraping and ironing out the rough places in the Pacific Highway over the Siskiyou. The road is rough in places and muddy in a few spots, but many cars are coming over daily and the road to the California line at least will be in good shape in another week. Sixty thousand dollars is available for work on the highway this year, and it is believed that the work of hard surfacing will be started as soon as the grading work now under way is finished.

## Wrecker Called From Ashland

The wrecking crew was called out from Ashland shortly before noon today to clear up a wreck somewhere in the vicinity of Hornbrook. No details as to the seriousness of the wreck could be obtained up to the hour of going to press.

are donated by Talent merchants.

No admission is charged to the meet, but a charge of 10 cents will be made for grandstand seats, the proceeds to be used in paying for prize ribbons. The Olympic Society will have two stands on the grounds to supply refreshments to the visitors.

Everyone is invited to spend the day.

## Newsy Sidelights On Doings of City Dads

**Want Fire Bell.**  
The city of Dorris, Cal., wants to buy Ashland's fire bell, for which the city has no use since installing a soda-water gas whistle. The council turned the matter of the sale over to the fire committee Tuesday night. Several other inquiries concerning the bell have been received. The mayor stated that Ed Barron wants to buy the bell. No one seemed to know what Ed wanted with it, but it is presumed that he wanted to put it up out at the ranch to call in the milch cows at night.

**Still Absent.**  
Councilman Cornelius' chair at the city council meetings is still unoccupied. "Dad" Cornelius is over in Klamath county and forgot to ask to be excused from council. The mayor has written him a letter giving him an opportunity to arrange a legal excuse of absence.

**Dogs.**  
Dogs had a day at council Tuesday and no one stood up for the poor pups except one of the newspaper hirelings who has a pup which he loves despite the fact that it hasn't got a pedigree like an abstract of title. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that dogs were an awful nuisance but that the city could stand having the dogs dig up the gardens if the owners would kick through with license fees. The dog license gives the dog license to be on earth, in Ashland at least. The chief of police stated that the city attorney had told him that he had no right to shoot a dog any more than he would a cow, as both were property. Even at that we would take a chance on bouncing a shoe off a cow's head if he bawled at the moon under our window like some of the stray dogs up in our neighborhood do.

**Gardens.**  
The council is getting into the agricultural preparedness game and Tuesday night granted Mr. Hale permission to plant garden on city property near the junction of Iowa street and the Boulevard, and another citizen permission to plant garden in an unused street in the north end of town.

**Jitney Licenses.**  
An ordinance regulating the jitney traffic was submitted by the jitney men to the council Tuesday and was read. The matter will be carefully studied by the council before action is taken.

**Use Street During Construction.**  
The Chautauqua people have been given permission to use Pioneer avenue for storing building material during the construction period. A passageway for teams will be kept open.

**Will Try Soda.**  
The city council will visit the "Sonner" soda well next Sunday afternoon and taste the water, which has been pumped continuously for the past fifteen days. The council visited it a few weeks ago. If satisfied after this trip the soda will probably be piped in through the Dodge well pipe.

**Two New Sewers.**  
Two new sewers are to be installed—one on Lincoln street and one on Maple and Rock streets. Bids will be advertised for in the near future.

## Warner Hardware Store in New Hands

The Warner hardware store is open again after being temporarily closed for a few days while invoicing preparatory to the transfer of the store to new owners. Mr. Warner traded the establishment, which has become a leading hardware center for southern Oregon and northern California, to eastern parties for Missouri and F. E. Sheldon and wife of Mt. Airy, Iowa, are here and Mr. Sheldon will take charge of the store.

## Oregon Prepares For Draft Measure

Preliminary plans are being arranged for the registration of all men eligible to draft in Oregon. In this county the sheriff, county physician and county clerk will have charge of the draft census, which will be taken immediately upon conclusion of the controversy over the draft ages. It seems positive that all men between 21 and 27 and possibly up to 40 will be registered. Election booths and precincts will be used in systematizing the work.

Concrete signposts have been set at road intersections on Emigrant road between Juniper canyon and Echo, Ore.

A new shipyard is to start construction at Marshfield at once.

**Exact Time Too Costly.**  
The finance committee of the city council does not believe that having the exact time in the city recorder's office is worth \$1 per month, and hence the Western Union clock is to be replaced by an ordinary clock.

**Expedite Bond Matter.**  
In order to expedite the placing of needed cash in the hands of the Chautauqua people, the council has ordered that the Chautauqua bonds be turned over to The Citizens Bank, who were the successful bidders, immediately upon arrival from St. Louis.

**Telephones and Efficiency.**  
Discussion of the matter of telephones in the homes of city employees took up about three-quarters of an hour at council Tuesday. It finally being decided that the telephones furnished by the city increased the efficiency of nearly all the employees who now have them to the extent of the cost to the city. The various phases of the matter will be investigated.

**Chautauqua Park Deed.**  
The deed conveying the Chautauqua park property from the Southern Oregon Chautauqua Association to the city was presented at the city council meeting Tuesday night and an opinion from the city attorney regarding the title was read. The deed did not satisfy the council in that it did not include the agreement regarding use of the Chautauqua building by the city, the council deeming that a better record would be had if this were included in the deed. The matter was referred to the realty committee and city attorney, who will make sure of the title and see that the deed is altered to include the details omitted.

In order to get the deal closed and the money in the hands of the Chautauqua people so that the contractors' work would not be delayed, a special meeting to expedite the matter will be called next Tuesday and a portion of the money paid over under protest upon arrival of the bonds.

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## Sheldon Editor Grants Pass Paper

Benj. Sheldon, representative from Jackson county to the state legislature, who accepted a position as secretary of the Grants Pass Commercial Club at the conclusion of the legislative session, has taken the editorship of the Grants Pass Courier. Editor Allen of the Courier received an appointment from the governor to succeed Major Carl Abrams on the state industrial insurance commission.

## Annuls Wilson's Jail Sentence

"Little Joe" Wilson, who was recently convicted of illegal traffic in liquor in a Medford justice court on the evidence given by a traveling man who was arrested for drunkenness in Medford and scared into making a "confession", has been offered immunity from the jail sentence which was given him by Justice Taylor.

Affidavits from physicians to the effect that the jail sentence would do him much harm have resulted in the removal of the sentence. The fine of \$200 still stands, however.

Independence farmers are going into sugar beet growing with a determination to get a factory there next year.

## SIX NEW TRUSTEES.

Six new trustees are to be elected at the Commercial Club meeting next Monday evening, and a full attendance of members should be present. The club has been busy during the past month, six trustees' meetings having been held, and much of interest to the public will be reported at Monday's meeting. The club will meet at 8 p. m. in the council chamber of the city hall. Plan to leave the evening open.

## Scouts Will Vie On Fourth of July

What promises to be one of the most interesting features of the athletic program attendant upon the celebration in Ashland may evolve from a challenge issued by the Boy Scouts of Grants Pass to the Ashland Boy Scouts for various athletic competitions.

The challenge will probably be accepted. The local scouts are planning to establish a camp near the park during the celebration and will entertain visiting scouts. The Boy Scouts will be of great assistance in handling the crowds during the Hyu Hehe.

## Buy a Tag or Lose Fido Is Edict

Dog owners who wish to get rid of their canine property will have no trouble doing so as a result of action taken by the city council Tuesday. The method of insuring speedy funeral services for Fido is just merely to adopt an attitude of absolute indifference when the notice regarding the fact that dog licenses are due comes to his or her notice. Then when about two weeks have expired a professional appearing gentleman will snare Fido and, failing to find the required tag, will send him to dog heaven by the most painless method known to science.

Any dog owner who loves his pet will pay the license and rivet it onto Fido's collar. Then Fido may roam where he pleases as long as he behaves himself as a well-raised dog should.

Two weeks' notice that dog licenses are due will be followed by absolute enforcement of the Ashland city ordinance, which states that every dog must have a license. A dog catcher will be hired and Fido will lead a dog's life unless he has a 1917 license.

The last dog catcher Ashland boasted was bit by a dog and caught the rabies.

A license for a male dog costs \$2 and for a female \$3.

## Band To Help Eagle Point Fun

The Ashland band is at Eagle Point today doing their part toward making the Eagle Point community day a big success.

Loveland's orchestra will furnish music for a big dance this evening. A field meet in which the schools of the county will participate, a picnic dinner, campfire, addresses, free-for-all sports and other features are on the day's program. A number of Ashlanders accompanied the band.

## Talent School Raises Big Sum

The Olympic club of the Talent schools is as lively a bunch of young school boys and girls as the state can boast. Last week in one day the club earned \$140. A systematic campaign of junk collecting was made and that amount realized from a trip to Ashland with the spoils of the search. The money is to be applied toward the expenses of the track meet at Talent tomorrow and other matters in which the club is taking an active interest.

A new \$3,500 garage is to be built at Vale.

## Guardsmen May Make Headquarters Here

The Woodburn company, which is guarding the Southern Pacific railroad in southern Oregon and whose headquarters have been at Medford, may change the headquarters to Ashland, a request to that effect having been filed by company officers. The roomy armory with fine lodging and cooking facilities here is a big factor in the desire for the change, and the fact that this being a division point, better connections for the relief for the detachments on guard duty would be afforded, also cuts a big figure. Superior advantages of Ashland for entertainment of the boys, the park, two natatoriums, etc., make the possibility of the move to Ashland welcomed by the soldiers, who have already made many friends in the city. The boys are from the best homes of Marion county and a fine bunch of young fellows whom Ashland should and would be glad to entertain.

## Boys' Work Reserve To Be Organized

In order that proper steps may be taken to conserve the food supply of the nation the United States department of labor Saturday sent a telegram to Governor Withycombe asking his co-operation in organizing a boy's working reserve. The telegram was sent by Secretary of Labor Wilson and it asked that the boys who were not experienced in farm labor be enrolled to supplying labor.

The governor was also asked to accept a place, either personally or by representative, on the national committee of the reserve. In perfecting this reserve it is planned to have the county school superintendents commissioned for perfecting the county organizations. The plans for this reserve will be worked out in more detail at the meeting of the national defense council in Washington, May 2.

The United States navy recruiting station at Medford has been closed.

## YARD CREWS PUT ON EIGHT- HOUR SHIFTS.

The eight-hour day has become an actuality for the switch engine and yard crews here, the switchmen now working in three shifts instead of two as formerly. The enginemen running out of here on the Shasta division have also been instructed to compute their time on the basis of an eight-hour day. For some time past wages have been computed on a basis of a ten-hour day by both switchmen and enginemen.

Until a reorganization of the division is made or until a policy of running shorter trains, which can get over the division in less time, is put into effect, some large pay checks will be received by the enginemen in some of the branches of service affected.

The through freight and passenger enginemen are not affected by the latest bulletin and are still supposed to compute their time on a ten-hour basis. The enginemen in the helper and local freight service receive ten hours' pay for eight hours' work, and local freight service receive ten hours' pay for eight hours' work and overtime above eight hours.

According to enginemen, the brotherhood representatives and railroad officials are working upon a new agreement in San Francisco at the present time, and a definite arrangement to include all branches of service is expected in the near future. No moves have been made by the company to reduce the necessity of overtime as yet, although rumors to the effect that division points may be shifted are prevalent.

The third shift switch engine and yard crews which have been added to Ashland mean a considerable increase in the local payroll and make much more pleasant working conditions for the men.