

Fathers and Sons Meet and Dine At Banquet Given In Their Honor

Boys were as much in demand in Ashland last Friday as on circus day, when men claiming to be fathers desired to participate in the Father and Son dinner given in the Methodist church. Upwards of 175 men and boys assembled at the hour of 6:30 in anticipation of the event, which was one of the most unique and entertaining ever given in Ashland. While the company was assembling and final preparations were being made for the banquet the Ashland band played several selections, when the bugle call assembled the guests around the banquet table, where the boys were seated as guests of honor, with the fathers occupying only a slight secondary position.

Superintendent G. A. Briscoe of the city schools acted as toastmaster, and read the following message from Charles S. Phipps, former state Sunday school superintendent, who is now filling the pulpit of the La-Grande Presbyterian church, and who later expects to be called to France to serve in the Y. M. C. A.:

"Ashland Fathers and Sons, Greetings:

"We are living in the greatest days in the world's history, a time when home life and community spirit, together with a consecrated patriotism of manhood and boyhood means everything. Fathers and sons, get together and closer to the god of nations. Let the spirit of both Washington and Lincoln inspire us to so live and love and sacrifice that the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

"CHARLES A. PHIPPS."

A letter was also read from Corporal Oliver Anderson of Fort Stevens, who was present at the Father and Son dinner last year.

During the dinner the entire assemblage, led by Carl Loveland, sang "Tipperary," which was followed by a solo, "Over There," by Carl Loveland. V. O. N. Smith then gave the toast, "To the Boy," followed by a recitation by George Caldwell entitled "Fathers and Sons," which was particularly appropriate for the occasion and was well received. Prof. F. E. Moore gave the toast, "Our Boys in Uniform," and Charles S. Cochran rendered a beautiful cornet solo of his own composition, and responded to an insistent encore.

David Whittle, a high school boy, scored highest in the evening's events by the toast, "Our Dads." He was followed by Rev. H. C. Carnahan, who talked on "Father and Son Partnership," in which he showed how to develop the corporation between the boy and his father. The Methodist male quartet, consisting of Dr. O. F. Tilton, Dr. G. W. Gregg, G. H. Yeo and Ernest Minuth, sang "The Stainless Flag," after which W. E. Wright, acting interstate secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave an illustrated lecture on the Y. M. C. A. work in the cities, on the railroads and in the construction camps, and gave an excellent idea of the effective work of the organization in army camps.

Pathetically noticeable at this dinner were the number of vacant chairs which were filled last year by those who are now in army camps waiting for the call to go to the front. These are Oliver Anderson, Meredith Beaver, Edmond M. Barrett, Donald Dickerson, Gerald E. Gunter, Aubrey Redifer, Frank and Dwight Tinker, Robert Keller, Forrest and Guy Wolcott, Ora E. Sullivan and Granville Dalzell. Sergeants H. C. Wolcott and H. O. Butterfield were also present last year as fathers. A letter was written to each one of the absent ones and signed by the participants of the present dinner. Letters were also sent to Ivan B. Rose, state Y. M. C. A. secretary, now in France, and to Rev. C. A. Phipps.

Another touching sentiment was presented when all fathers who have boys in the service were asked to stand. Twenty fathers responded, and a red carnation was pinned on the lapel of their coats. One soldier, Ed Wolcott, was present and was also decorated with a carnation, as was Phil Wolcott, who, although yet a young boy, has a father, two brothers and an uncle, all serving with the Ashland company, and is now left the head of the family.

The dinner closed with the company standing and singing "America," accompanied by Mr. Cochran on the cornet and Mrs. Van Fossen on the piano. The men who were instrumental in giving this dinner are particularly appreciative to the women who assisted in making it the unqualified success that attended their efforts.

Large Amount Is Saved by State

Salem, Ore., Feb. 16.—Judge T. F. Ryan, assistant state treasurer, said today that during last year the state treasury department collected \$32,283.84 in interest upon state deposits.

"This is an increase of 208 per cent over the year 1909, and it demonstrates that the law requiring the payment of interest on deposits and the passage of which was procured by State Treasurer Kay is one of the most beneficial pieces of legislation ever enacted. This sum is more than twice the amount required to conduct the treasury department, which is \$13,892.62."

Would Exempt All Neutral Aliens

Washington, Feb. 16.—Amendment to the draft law so as to exempt citizens or subjects of neutral countries who have declared their intention to become American citizens is proposed in a bill prepared by the war department in conjunction with the state department and introduced today by Chairman Dent of the house military committee.

Secretary Lansing revealed that many neutral countries already have made insistent protests against conscription of their nationals, causing embarrassment to the government; that the president has found it expedient for international reasons to discharge from the army neutral nationals under certain circumstances, and that the present law has been used abroad as a medium of irritation by enemy propagandists.

F. H. Christie, agent for the Carson-Fowler Lumber Company at Grants Pass, was recently elected vice-president of the Beavers, the business men's association of that city.

Ashland High On Basketball Tour

Ashland's basketball team journeyed to Roseburg Friday, where they met defeat at the hands of the latter's high school team Friday night by a score of 35 to 23. At the end of the first half Roseburg's score stood 21 against 8 for Ashland. Thinking Ashland an easy mark, the Roseburg boys showed up during the latter half and Ashland scored at about the same ratio as their opponent, but the advantage gained by Roseburg in the first half enabled them to carry off the game.

Saturday the Ashland players won at Grants Pass with a score of 29 to 26 in an interesting game that was closely contested from start to finish. Ashland's lineup for the games was as follows: Bryant and Provost, forwards; Bemis and Campbell, guards; Osborn, center. The boys returned home Sunday evening.

H. J. Neville Passed Away Yesterday

H. J. Neville, a well-known resident of Ashland, died yesterday morning after a lingering illness. Several weeks ago Mr. Neville was stricken with appendicitis, for which he was operated on at a local hospital. His condition was critical from the first, but it was hoped that his naturally strong constitution, together with unremitting care, would turn the tide in his favor. This was unavailing, however, and death occurred at 8 o'clock Sunday. Funeral services will be held from the Catholic church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Neville is survived by his wife and six children.

Carl Loveland left Sunday night for Portland, where he recently joined the navy. He expects to be stationed at Bremerton, Wash., and will be a member of a naval band.

Southern Oregon To Aid In Struggle

Gold Hill, Ore., Feb. 16.—With the government facing the necessity of providing ships to bring 175,000 tons of chromite from New Caledonia, southern Oregon will do its bit to relieve the situation by producing 100,000 tons of chrome ore in 1918. This is a conservative estimate made by the engineers in charge of the principal mines in this region, and there is a possibility of a larger production if the operators can obtain labor and equipment to develop and operate other deposits.

This will bring into Jackson and Josephine counties more than \$2,600,000, and, in a mineral way, is the most valuable asset of the counties. The Waldo district will lead with the major part of this production, while the district on the main line of the Southern Pacific railway between Ashland and Leland will contribute the rest.

There are many unprospected areas of chrome-producing serpentine in southern Oregon, and the fact that bodies of chrome deposits in this section, while not so numerous as in California, are larger and more persistent, should encourage the prospector.

Rabies Killing Klamath Cattle

That rabies are becoming prevalent in the Klamath Marsh region of the Klamath Indian reservation is the word brought here this week by Len Royse, who has been down for some time, says the Klamath Falls Record. Mr. Royse says Beckley Brothers have lost nearly a dozen head from this cause recently and fear is felt thereabouts that this malady may become serious. The Beckley place adjoins the Royse place, and while he says he has lost no stock so far, he has killed all the dogs and cats belonging to the place as a precaution.

His description of the actions of an animal when it becomes ill from rabies is somewhat interesting. He says the first intimation of the disease is shown by the animal becoming restless, switching its tail and walking about the field in which it happens to be, with its head thrown up. Later it begins to bawl and froth at the mouth. When it reaches this stage it gets its head higher in the air and begins to roam around, breaking into a run much of the time. Every object near that has life or shows any movement it will attack savagely. After a day or so it finally becomes so weak it can stay on its feet no longer and the end comes swiftly.

In one instance an animal suffering from this malady attacked a four-horse team driven to a hay wagon by a rancher in that vicinity, but as it was dehorned, little damage resulted to the team. The stockmen and ranchers thereabouts carry a rifle on their wagons or saddle horses when going about their work. This is a precaution against attacks by rabid cattle.

Medford Elks Hold 50th Anniversary

Although no special arrangements had been made to celebrate the event, the Medford Elks Thursday night had an impromptu observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of their order through the presence of Senator Gus Moser, president of the state senate and past exalted ruler of the Elks lodge of Portland; Dr. J. S. Anderson of The Dalles, candidate for governor and author of the state bone-dry law, and W. T. Newcomb of Ashland, district deputy of the Elks grand lodge.

These three prominent Elks of the state made appropriate addresses. District Deputy Newcomb gave a history of the B. P. O. E., its work and rapid growth these past fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McWilliams, who have been making their home in Grants Pass during the present winter, were in Ashland several days visiting relatives, and left Saturday for Pendleton, where they both have positions with an automobile company, the former as salesman and the latter in the office.

Mrs. Walter Everton will leave this week for Portland, called on account of the serious illness of her father.

Red Cross Benefit Ball and Card Party

On the evening of Washington's birthday Elks' Temple will be handed over to the Red Cross. On the lower floor the attractive club rooms will be thrown open for card players, while the Elks' hall above will be in use as a ballroom. The proceeds of these two simultaneous events will help to replenish the Red Cross treasury, now depleted by large purchases recently made of dry goods to the sum of nearly \$800, gauze to the amount of \$225, and wool aggregating about \$200. These investments our work directresses considered advisable, because by buying now they were able to take advantage of prices much more reasonable than could have been secured later, and to lay in stock for some months ahead at extra special rates. Such a purchase necessarily means a big bill, larger than could be fully met with funds on hand. Hence the plans for the big Red Cross benefit now under way. The dollar you spend for the Red Cross ball, the quarter you give as admission to the Red Cross card party or to get a seat as spectator at the dance, will not only secure you a royal good time but will also secure much needed cash for a noble cause. Each and every Red Cross member should feel a personal responsibility to make this Red Cross benefit a huge success, both financially and fraternally. The following committees have been drafted into the service of the Red Cross for this occasion:

General—Miss Lillian Patterson, Mrs. A. H. Pracht and Mrs. A. W. Bosiough.

Advertising—Mrs. O. T. Bergner and Miss Winifred Watson.

Reception—Mesdames Ella Mills, E. V. Carter, T. H. Simpson and Stuart Saunders.

Music—Mrs. Henry Enders and Mrs. D. D. Norris.

Decorating—Mesdames Sylvan Provost and J. G. Hurt.

Tickets—C. H. Vaupel and Mesdames Benton Bowers, Frank Dickey and Elsie Churchman. This committee will distribute Red Cross badges to the dancers on the third floor and small pasteboard hatchets to the card players and spectators.

Badge designer, Mrs. C. M. Summers, assisted by Honor Guard girls.

Floor—Messrs. Clark Bush, Benton Bowers, H. T. Elmore, Fred Homes, A. C. Joy and Mr. Bailey; Mesdames E. H. Bush and Elmo Nell.

Punch—Mrs. Frank Jordan, S. B. McNair and Howard Rose, assisted by the Honor Guard girls.

Progressive Cards—Mesdames G. E. Hedberg and J. D. McRae.

Score Cards—Mesdames Clark Bush and W. E. Newcomb.

There will be good music and patriotic decorations throughout the Elks' spacious halls, and this will be, it is hoped, an altogether charming and brilliant social event. Admission to dance, \$1; for card players and spectators, 25 cents.

Labor Shortage Cause for Worry

Unless something is done to relieve the labor shortage, there will be a smaller acreage under cultivation this year than in 1917. And this comes at a time when the food administration is urging increased acreage and greater production, in order that staples can be sent to the troops abroad.

The food situation in Oregon is dependent to a great extent upon the question of labor, and with labor scarce, this not only will curtail the output but will increase the cost. The war gardens in the cities will have to be worked even more industriously than a year ago.

There are two distinct causes for shortage of labor on the farms of Oregon. One is the army and navy and the other is the high wages paid by the shipbuilding industry in Portland. Each of these factors has made deep inroads on the young men who have heretofore been engaged in farming occupations.

A large percentage of the enlistments in the navy produced in Oregon came from the farms, and the same is true of the enlistments for the marine corps, the regular army and the national guard. These organizations absorbed thousands of young farmers. The draft would have taken more only that Oregon's quota under the selective draft was very small owing to the great enlistments prior to the first selective draft.

Polish Ire Aroused by German's Attempt to Appease Ukraine

Germany has suddenly found herself involved in a maze of difficulties on the eastern front and is in danger of losing all the large benefits she was calmly preparing to realize from her peace with the Ukraine and the Bolshevik withdrawal of Russia from the war.

Poland, that land which so frequently in the course of history has proved a thorn in the side of military conquerors, is threatening to constitute herself the rock on which the German hope of peace and gainful expansion in the east may be shattered. Embittered by the tearing off of a strip of their territory to be given the Ukraine for breaking away from the Bolsheviks and signing a peace with the central powers, the Poles are in what appears to be virtually a state of revolt.

Even the very weapon which Germany and Austria were at such pains to forge in the hope of deriving military benefit—the Polish army—bids fair to be turned against them. Reports in the German newspapers, which express dismay and alarm over the Polish situation, indicate that the Polish legions, now an effective military force, are on the side of the prevalent Polish sentiment of bitterness against the central allies. The situation has grown so bad that the military are patrolling the streets in Warsaw.

Austria-Hungary is particularly involved in the difficulties because of the prominent part which it was expected she would play in the future government of Poland. The Polish elements and those sympathizing with them in the dual monarchy are up in arms over the situation and further internal troubles are threatened.

Turning to the north, it has already been reported that Germany purposes resuming military operations against northern Russia, and this report gains color by the announcement that the commissions representing the central powers at Petrograd have left the Russian capital and passed within the German military lines. The probable German purpose to attack the Bolsheviks is also indicated in a Vienna dispatch declaring that if Germany decided to resume military operations against Russia "the attitude of Austria" would be influenced thereby. This would seem to mean that Austria intends to leave Germany to fight the battle alone in north Russia. Whether she hopes to keep up connections

with the Petrograd government meanwhile is not clear, but a Sofia dispatch declares that Bulgaria is doing that very thing, having "resumed diplomatic relations with Russia." However, all the central powers are in agreement over the situation, it is declared.

In the west, while the military situation at the front shows few signs for the moment of passing beyond the stage of raids and sporadic bombardments and entering into one of major operations by the millions of men massed for attack and defense, there has been a development of marked importance regarding the high command of the forces on the entente side of the battle line.

Thus, London advises announcing the retirement of General Sir William Robertson as chief of the British imperial staff and his replacement by Major General Sir Henry Hughes Wilson apparently indicate that something approaching an allied general staff was created by the supreme war council in its recent session at Versailles. General Robertson, it is revealed, would not consent to take General Wilson's place as British military representative on the supreme war council, nor remain chief of staff "with limited power," the inference being that some higher authority has been set up.

The premier, with the endorsement of parliament that he received the other day to back him up, it would appear, has grappled with the British military situation boldly and made it conform with the view so many have held, and which apparently was endorsed by the Versailles council, that there should be a unified control of the allies' armies. General Robertson seemingly was not willing to fit into the plan, so, able soldier that he is, and without any question having been raised as to his ability, he has had to step down and make way for another.

Following up their destroyer raid in the straits of Dover on Friday in which they wiped out several British patrolling craft, the Germans sent one of their submarines into the port of Dover in the darkness of the early morning hours on Saturday. The U-boat threw a few rounds of shells into the city and retired when subjected to the fire of the shore batteries after inflicting small damage to residence property and causing a few losses among civilians.

Junior Red Cross Started In Schools

Each of the school buildings has perfected its organization of a Junior Red Cross auxiliary. Work upon surgical material and relief for children will begin as soon as material can be assembled. In order that the children may work efficiently, material must be secured. Much of the material for the relief of Belgian and French children can be secured in the homes of Ashland.

At this time the schools are making an appeal for old dresses and skirts, flannelette garments, coats and trousers, men's flannel shirts, scraps of outing flannel and old table linen. Anyone having such material will help the schools to get under headway in this relief work and at the same time help those who are very needy in getting the necessary garments to make them comfortable. All this material must be clean in order to be used.

Blue Ledge Mine Seeks Purchaser

That the Blue Ledge people in New York want to sell out and will carry on no extensive development work for the present was the word brought back Thursday by S. S. Bullis of the Southern Oregon Traction Company, says the Medford Sun. He saw the Grey Eagle men again and they reiterated their desire to build a railroad to their property if anyone would get a road to the head of the Little Applegate. Mr. Bullis said the winter in the east has been most severe but he noticed, he thought, a little softening of the belligerent tone and a certain undertone of sentiment that suggested peace in the near future.

Phone Job orders to the Tidings.

Klamath County Mills Are Busy

According to reports from that section, great preparations are being made for a busy summer by the Algoma Lumber Company and the Pelican Bay Lumber Company at Klamath Falls. The Algoma Lumber Company now has about three and a quarter million feet of logs from their reservation tract, and a great deal of new machinery is being installed, among which is a new McClellan loader. This company expects to build five or six miles of new railroad this spring. The Pelican Bay Lumber Company will build about seventeen miles of railroad to tap their new tract.

Bonderson Able To Leave Hospital

Antonio Bonderson, who was stabbed by Chester E. McIntosh during an altercation on the street two weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to be able to leave the hospital and be about again. Owing to Bonderson's excellent physical condition his recovery was rapid, although the wound was a serious one, as the knife penetrated the liver. The case against McIntosh for assault will be tried in Jacksonville Tuesday. Mrs. Bonderson is also an inmate of a hospital in this city, where she was operated on several days ago for appendicitis.

U. S. DEPARTMENT WEATHER BUREAU

Forecast for the week beginning February 17, 1918. Pacific coast states: Frequent rains first half of week north of central California; some prospect of rain in southern California about end of week; no decided temperature changes.