

Ashland's First Offering to War Bidden Godspeed by Many Friends

The first contingent of Oregon's heavy artillery started out on its way to make a place for itself in the world war, when two troop trains containing over 800 members of the 65th regiment passed through Ashland Wednesday evening. Practically the entire city and surrounding community turned out to wish the boys godspeed on their journey, for on the trains were a number of Ashland boys, who have been in training at Fort Stevens since last July, where they were sent as members of 1st company, Oregon Coast Artillery. In Batteries C and E were the boys from Ashland, and were as follows: Battery C—Sergeants Arthur Erickson and Clarence E. Hedburg; Corporals Earl K. Burnett, Wilfred Carr and Cecil D. Norton; Mechanic Frank J. Hibbs; Bugler Meredith G. Beaver; Privates Hubert B. Bentley, Elbert J. Farlow, Lynn Slack, Evert A. Acklin, Earl Biegel, Fred Schuerman, John Enders. In Battery B were Lieutenants Donald M. Spencer and John F. Kernan; Sergeants Herbert Spencer and Charles Delsman; Privates Oliver Anderson, Charles Freeman, Harry Stevens, Charles Winne, Arthur F. Long, Clarence Saunders, Harold Simpson, Charles Lamkin, Lawson Riley, Fred B. Davis and LaVerne Buck.

Word was received here that the troop trains would come in as a second section of train No. 13 in the forenoon, and a large multitude congregated at the station. But the troop train that passed through at that hour carried a contingent of drafted men from Vancouver who were going to Fort Lawton, Palo Alto, so the greeting of "Our Own" was postponed until evening, when it was learned that second and third sections of train 53 would carry the artillery boys.

At the blowing of the fire and the round-house whistles all business places closed and the entire population was soon massed at the station grounds. Those who had members of the household among the soldier laddies were eager to greet them. The hosts of citizens who had an acquaintance among them were on hand, while many who did not even

know one of the Ashland boys by sight took as much patriotic pride in mingling with the assembly and patiently waited for about two hours for the trains to appear. The Ashland band was present and greeted the trains as they rolled into the station. Flags of the allied nations were strung about the grounds, and that entire portion of the city took on a gala attire, in honor of the Oregon troops and our own Ashland boys who were on their way to the call to duty.

The Soldiers' Auxiliary and the Maccabees had prepared baskets of good things for the boys to eat which were presented to them when they arrived. The Civic Club contributed boxes of apples; Butler's confectionery sent quantities of candy; Mrs. G. G. Eubanks presented every soldier with a bouquet of violets, while every family as well as many friends who had a soldier boy on the train was loaded down with parcels and baskets to give the boys one more taste of "mother's cooking."

Nearly an hour was allowed here for the boys to greet their families and the hosts of friends who were present. They were a splendid picture of young fighting manhood, these Oregon boys, glad and proud to answer their country's call. The drilling and routine of army life had wonderfully developed their characters as well as physically, and Ashland had cause to be proud, not only of her own gift to her country, but of the 800 representatives of the state.

Incidentally it might be mentioned that the soldiers on the train were not the only heroes present. Probably many hearts ached, and many pillows were wet with tears last night, but the parents, sisters, sweethearts and friends greeted their soldiers with mirth and good cheer and sent them on their journey with smiles and good wishes. The boys, too, were cheery and brave, and passed out of sight as if going on a pleasure trip, as only an American mother could wish her boy to do.

The contingent was bound for San Francisco, where they will train for a time, after which it is expected they will leave for a port on the eastern coast, en route to France.

Presbytery Met In Medford Monday

A meeting of Southern Oregon Presbytery was held in Medford Monday, where the resignation of Rev. A. A. J. Hogg, pastor of the Medford Presbyterian church, was accepted. Rev. Hogg has received two calls from eastern churches, one of which he expects to accept. The resignation of Rev. E. E. McVicker, of the Oakland and Sutherland district, was also accepted at the same time. Dr. McVicker will go to Pendleton. Mr. J. K. Baillie was appointed moderator at the session Monday, and Rev. J. W. Hoyt was appointed moderator of the Oakland and Sutherland district to fill the position vacated by Rev. McVicker.

Members of the Presbytery in attendance at the meeting were: Revs. J. K. Baillie of Phoenix, J. W. Hoyt of Rogue River, J. M. Booser of Grants Pass, H. A. Carnahan of Ashland, Oscar T. Morrison of Glendale, Paul Bandy of Central Point, A. W. Gammons of Jacksonville, Sears of Butte Falls and W. H. Gore of Medford.

Crater Lake Has Nine Feet of Snow

Nine feet of snow is reported at Crater Lake, seven feet at park headquarters, eight feet at the engineer's camp, and five feet at the south entrance of the park. This is the report Alexander Sparrow, supervisor of Crater Lake national park, brought back after a trip, made on skis to the park last week. Most of the snow fell the past fortnight. The depth is only about one-half that usually found in that region at this time of the year, and, besides, it is very loose and not packed down as in former years, which means that it will pass away earlier than usual and make an earlier opening of the park season.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Reeder of Klamath Falls came to Ashland Tuesday evening and will spend several days here with relatives.

Rapid Promotion Of High School Boy

George N. Haines, a former high school boy who enlisted in the regular army in the fall of 1916, is now a member of Company E, 114th Supply Train, located at Alexandria, La., from where he expects to leave for the front in a few days. George's promotions have been rapid since his enlistment. Last March he was made corporal of a motor truck company operating on the Mexican border, and made a trip into the enemy's country. Soon afterwards he was appointed instructor in the motor truck service at Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, where he has been ever since.

Enemy Aliens Taken From Draft Troops

Twenty-six enemy aliens were discharged at Camp Lewis this week. The process of weeding out the enemy aliens is going forward with considerable dispatch, and every effort is being made to rid the division of such men.

Rumanian soldiers at Camp Lewis will be separated in the future from soldiers of Hungarian and Magyar birth. The reason is that nearly every time these soldiers get together there results a quarrel and sometimes a fight. Ancient racial antipathy has not vanished from these two races in the army, and bad feelings between them at camp shows.

Brigadier-General Frederick S. Foltz Monday morning posted a bulletin requiring all company commanders to furnish headquarters with a list of all Rumanian, Hungarian and Magyar men. After this list is furnished, headquarters will separate the Rumanians from the two enemy races in the interest of camp harmony.

E. F. Boissevain of Seattle has taken charge of the Dodge motor car agency, and arrived in Ashland last week. Mr. Boissevain was for years a traveling representative of the Dodge company for the Pacific coast and is familiar with Ashland.

Noticeable Changes Among Local Boys

Many changes have been made lately among the Ashland boys who are in the United States service. Captain Clyde Malone, adjutant in the Coast Artillery service, has recently been assigned to new duties at Seattle, the change being in the nature of another promotion. Word has been received that Charles Brady, gunner of the first class, has sailed from New York on the Pueblo, bound for some port in France. Ernest Wick, naval electrician, has been transferred from the Philadelphia to the New York navy yard. Lynn Mowat, electrician, has been transferred to Fortress Monroe, Virginia, from San Francisco, and will take a special course at that point. Orville Hall, naval recruit as engineer, has been assigned to duties at Philadelphia. Other changes noticeable here are those of Lester Sutton and Lloyd Turner, who passed through Ashland two weeks ago en route to the Texas aviation fields; Earl Dahuff and Simeon Drake, from Vancouver, who joined a quartermaster's department in the south.

Co. Health Nurse Pays Ashland Visit

Miss Jane C. Allen, Jackson county's public health nurse, was an Ashland visitor Wednesday, making the acquaintance of the heads of the various clubs and getting in touch with those interested in the newly organized health association. As has already been announced, Miss Allen has been sent here and will be kept at the expense of the state Red Cross Association for three months. After that, should the plan prove successful, she will be maintained by Jackson county. As soon as she becomes thoroughly installed, Miss Allen will have a schedule in which to visit each community in the county, and Ashland will have a definite day on which she will be here to look after any duties that may come to her in the capacity of public nurse.

The public health nurse is interested not only in tubercular and infectious cases, but in all cases of illness. Having so large a territory to cover, her visits must necessarily be for the most part of an instructive and advisory nature. Actual bedside nursing will be given patients only as may be advisable in the course of the instruction of some member of the patient's family in the proper care of the patient.

Contagious cases will be given "door-step visits" for advice in care of patient and safeguarding the other members of the family. The nurse cannot attend obstetrical cases during confinement but can call and supervise care of mother and baby as soon after the baby's birth as may be desired and conveniently arranged. Pre-natal calls for advice and supervision are an important part of her work.

The public health nurse is primarily for those who cannot afford the services of a private nurse. Her services are free. However, those not financially able to have trained nursing care in other ways but, on the other hand, well able to afford a small fee for the services of the visiting nurse and preferring to pay, may give a fee of from 10 to 75 cents a visit. Such fees will go into a fund for incidental expenses and relief work.

The nurse will have definite hours of duty—from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. every day but Sundays and Wednesday afternoons.

As a large part of her work is educational, the nurse will be glad to speak before groups of people at any time to explain her work and give talks on hygiene and health topics.

Airship Seen in Ashland Last Week

Charles Cusick, a member of the S. P. bridge crew, claims that while he and several of his companions were on their way to work at 6:45 Wednesday morning of last week an aeroplane passed over their heads. His attention was attracted to it, he claims, by the whirring of the engine. It appeared to be about 1,000 feet above their heads and was distinctly visible, taking a southern course. A report is in circulation that two airplanes were seen at Albany, heading south, and that one of them returned northward. It is possible the airplane seen here was the other.

Farmers Offer Pigs To Club Members

Some exceptionally good offers are being made to boys and girls who desire to assist in raising more pork for Uncle Sam's forces, and at the same time make a good income for themselves. A number of patriotic farmers are coming to the aid of our youngsters by offering them young pigs at the time they are old enough to wean, for the market price per pound now paid for older stock. A few brood sows are also available for those who wish to enter that club project which requires the care and management of a brood sow and litter from the time the sow is bred until the pigs are weaned.

J. J. Ossenbrugge of Ruch, who is a breeder of the famous Poland China swine, in a recent communication with Superintendent Ager states that he will have from 25 to 30 thoroughbred Poland China pigs for sale to our boys and girls during the next few weeks. These pigs may be taken as soon as they are old enough to wean and the price will be the regular market price for hogs. This offer is open only to club members, and while it is desired that the club member pay for the pigs at the time he takes them, arrangements are being made whereby it will be possible for one to make payments at a later date if desired.

Breeders having brood sows or pigs to sell to club boys and girls are asked to communicate with Superintendent G. W. Ager, Jacksonville, and state the number of pigs or sows, the breed, the price and weight, also the age of such pigs or hogs and the time they will be ready for delivery. An outline of the pork production project for our boys and girls is given below that all may see just what is wanted by those taking up this line of patriotic work:

Pork Promotion Project. Division I. The care and management of a brood sow and litter from the time the sow is bred until the pigs are weaned.

Division II. The care and management of one or more pigs intended for market hogs, from the time weaned until ready for market.

Division III. The care and management of one or more pure-bred pigs, either sex, intended for breeding purposes, from the time weaned for a period of four months or more.

Each of the above divisions includes the growing of the necessary feed, so far as possible, and providing the necessary pasture.

Sheepman Killed Supposedly by Wife

E. O. Lamb, aged 50, a retired sheepman of Paisley, Ore., was shot and killed at his home Tuesday. Following an inquest a warrant was issued for the arrest of Bertha Lamb, his widow, on the charge of murder, and the sheriff was called from Lakeview to make service. Lamb was killed with a soft-nosed bullet from a rifle, which tore his head to pieces. Details of the tragedy are lacking.

Ashland Attracts New Residents Here

The families of Harry L. Moore and Bert L. Munday are recent accessions to the population of Ashland. These people arrived last week from Fleming, Colo., and expect to make Ashland their future home, where the unexcelled climate and splendid educational advantages appeal to them. Mr. Moore has purchased the home of his brother, F. W. Moore, on Vista street, which he will occupy, while the latter will move to his ranch on the Dead Indian road. Mr. Munday expects to establish himself permanently here also.

Farmers to Meet at Talent March 1

A farmers' meeting will be held at the Talent city hall Friday, March 1, at 8 p. m. The program includes addresses as follows: "Benefits of Organization," A. C. Joy of Ashland; "Co-operative Creameries," F. C. Holbaugh of Talent; "Farmers' War Duties," C. C. Cate of Medford; "Livestock Development," D. M. Lowe of Valley View. All farmers from the Talent district are urged to be present.

Hertling Speech Fails to Drive Wedge Between Entente Allies

Imperial Chancellor von Hertling has failed to drive a wedge between the entente allies by his reply to President Wilson. The German declaration has come at a time when German acts belie its words, and Paris and London have officially rejected any proffers of the olive branch that the more hopeful people saw in the acceptance by the chancellor of some of the principles put forth by President Wilson.

Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign secretary, sounded the keynote of the allies when, speaking at London, he said that until German militarism was a "thing of the past" and there came into existence a court armed with powers making the weak nations as safe as the strong, the war must go on.

Phillip Scheidemann, German socialist leader, has voiced the protest of his party to the peace that is being forced on Russia. In the reichstag he said that Germany must negotiate a peace by understanding and that the independence of Belgium must be secured. He said that the Flemings and Walloons must settle their own differences.

While the German government is trying to convince the world of its disinterestedness in the future of Russia, the advance of the Teuton armies toward Petrograd continues. It appears that there will be no armistice on the Russian front until peace finally is consummated. In spite of the claim of the Bolshevik government that the Russians were vigorously fighting for Pskov, the German forces have pushed forward to the eastward of that town. The Germans are said to have reached Luga, midway between Pskov and

Petrograd. Borisoff, 60 miles north-east of Minsk, has been captured by the Germans.

German troops in Ukraine have reached Corostisheff, east of Zhitomir, within 50 miles of Kiev. The Russian troops have refused to fight and those who have not surrendered are fleeing in a disorderly mob.

Aerial activity on the western front of great intensity is reported by the Germans, who claim to have brought down 15 entente airplanes. At the same time the infantry is not idle and raids have been attempted at widely separated points in the past 24 hours. One of these attacks was in considerable force by the Germans against French positions near the Bue du Mesnil, which the American artillery assisted in capturing recently. The other was north of the Chemin des Dames, where American troops are understood to be in the trenches. Both assaults were broken up by the prompt action of the allied artillery.

German "frightfulness" again has been exemplified by the sinking of the British hospital ship Glenart Castle. According to the latest advices, there are 164 persons missing from the ship, which was fully lighted and carried the distinctive markings of the hospital service.

American torpedo boats assisted in picking up the survivors.

The reported unrest in Ireland is now said to be of little consequence and arrangements have been made to cope with the situation.

Negotiations looking to a union of Lithuania and Saxony, with Prince Frederick Christian, son of the king of Saxony, as king of the new state, are said to be under way.

Murder Trial Held at County Seat

The trial of William Butler, the Eagle Point rancher who is charged with killing Donald Stewart October 29, is in progress at Jacksonville this week. Important points were brought out by the state yesterday to show that Butler fired at least five shots while Stewart fired three, that he seemed entirely unconcerned by the tragedy and showed no disposition to aid his victim as he lay on the hillside slowly bleeding to death.

The state's principal witness is Deputy Sheriff Paul Anderson, who testified that he was called to the telephone by Butler about 9 o'clock. Butler said he had shot a man and asked Anderson to come at once. He arrived at the place of the shooting about 11 o'clock and said Butler met him and seemed entirely cool and unruffled. Stewart was lying under an oak tree, his head lower than his feet and seemed very weak, but as the wound was in his leg he never thought his condition was serious. Upon examination, however, it was decided to secure a doctor rather than run the risk of moving the wounded man. When he returned with Dr. Holt of Eagle Point, Stewart was dead.

On cross-examination Anderson admitted that when Butler telephoned he explained that the man had fired at him twice and then he fired back, and the point was also brought out by Attorney Boggs that Butler was in the open and exposed while Stewart was behind a tree surrounded by other trees.

During the trial Butler showed great interest, writing instructions to his attorney frequently and following every statement with great care. He has his ten-year-old daughter sitting near him in the court room but he never spoke to her nor she to him.

County Committee Appoints Agencies

The Jackson County War Savings and Thrift Stamp Campaign Committee, organized three weeks ago, has been actively engaged in outlining the work to be followed during the coming campaign. J. G. Hurt is chairman for the Ashland district, and has established sales agencies for the thrift stamps and war savings certificates among the following business houses: G. H. Yeo, Rose Bros., Jordan Electric Company, H. G. Enders & Sons, White House grocery and Southern Pacific ticket office. Additional selling agencies will soon be established elsewhere in the city, as the government expects every business house in the country to become a selling agency.

Clubs Will Receive Special Aid in Work

According to a recent agreement between the Oregon Agricultural College and our county school superintendent, the college will give special aid for carrying on club work in Jackson county during the spring and summer. By the arrangement the O. A. C. will pay salary and traveling expenses of Supervisor R. E. Morris for two entire months, thus saving the county an expense item of approximately \$266.66. Club work in the past has been carried on in many counties largely by the county superintendent, assisted by one or more supervisors. A few counties, however, not employing supervisors have been able to secure aid by a special representative at government expense. By the arrangement in our county the college will help pay part of the expense of the supervisor. This is only fair, for considerable of his time will be given to that class of industrial work for which a special appropriation is made and to which each county is entitled to its share.

Clubs in many of our schools have been asked to concentrate their energy in the production of corn and pork. Canning work will also be emphasized. Since a definite plan of supervision is being worked out, and along practical lines too, club work in Jackson county this year should mean much to our boys and girls.

The following program has been worked out and will be given attention during the dates mentioned:

Organization completed, May 1, 1918; field meetings, June and July; demonstrations to be held, May and June; county festival and picnic, May; county fair, September; report week, October 21 to 25; achievement day, several places, December 9 to 14.