

## Ashland Asked to Buy More War Stamps

A meeting was held in the city hall Tuesday evening in the interests of making Ashland do its bit in the part of war savings and thrift stamp buying, which, according to the local postmaster, has not been up to the quota expected of this section.

C. N. Wonacott, associate director of the war savings and thrift campaign, completed an organization to be carried on during the rest of the year. Following is the complete organization perfected at the Tuesday night meeting:

Chairman—C. W. Banta, F. J. Shinn secretary, with headquarters at Commercial club.

Educational Interests—George A. Briscoe.

Commercial Interests—C. B. Lamkin.

Religious and Women's Clubs—Rev. H. A. Carnahan.

Fraternal Societies—Rev. P. K. Hammond.

Publicity and Advertising—Nellie Dickey, Nellie B. Briggs and Mrs. B. Hillery.

Postmaster—E. J. Kaiser.

It was disclosed at this meeting that the sales in Ashland and in the entire county were below their quota during the past four months and the postoffice department at Washington is asking the people of this section to speed up on their war stamp purchases.

The sales through the Ashland postoffice during December was \$387.28 January \$1610.47, February \$2283.63, March \$5381.72. The sales for April up to last night were \$4600.00. The quota is based upon \$16.50 for every man, woman and child during the year 1918. Counting Ashland's population at 5000 the quota would be \$82,500.

## Bucking Tryout Given Sunday

A large delegation of spectators witnessed the trying out bucking contest at the roundup grounds Sunday afternoon. A number of local riders were present with horses that promise to be good buckers in their initial tryout.

Among the prominent horsemen present were Ray Dennis, Sam Kennedy, Ray Murphy, Roy Murphy and Dud Dollarhide, whose horses gave a good exhibition and will probably be entered in the main contest at the coming roundup.

After the bucking exhibit Mowe then gave a bareback mule riding exhibit which elicited cheers from the spectators. The prospects for good entries at the coming roundup are excellent and the event promises to be the best ever presented in this city.

## Noted Oregon Rider Killed in France

According to reports received at Pendleton recently, Dell Blacett, a member of the Canadian cavalry, was killed in action on the western front in France March 30. He had been with the Canadian mounted service only a few weeks before his death.

Blacett was well known in Ashland where he was at the head of the Rogue River Roundup last summer. Since the earliest days of the Pendleton Roundup he has made Pendleton his headquarters. He was one of the first to enlist, and was one of the organizers of the Pendleton company of cowboy cavalry. He was later rejected for physical disability, but went immediately to Canada and enlisted in the mounted service where he was accepted. His wife, Bertha Blacett, is champion cowgirl of the world, and makes her home at Pendleton.

## Happy Camp Man Lost Life in Mine

Truman Crumpton of Happy Camp, an employe of the Gray Eagle Copper company, was instantly killed Thursday afternoon. The unfortunate man lost his footing and fell 70 feet down a shaft while working in the mine. The coroner's jury found that he met death accidentally and that the copper company was in no way to blame.

## Another Bad Wreck On S. P. Tuesday

Another bad freight wreck tied up traffic on the Southern Pacific Tuesday, delaying passenger trains practically throughout the day. This occurred near Pollard, about 23 miles north of Grants Pass, when three locomotives and two freight cars left the track and were piled up a broken heap of steel on the track. Three engineers and three firemen went through the wreck with their lives, only receiving injuries from which they expect to recover. Engineer W. E. Everton sustained a dislocated hip, was badly cut and bruised about the head and had the ends of two fingers cut off. Fireman Parker, on the same engine, was bruised about the legs and arms but it is thought he will be able to resume his run in a few days. The occupants of the cars of the other two engines were badly shaken up and knocked about by the crash, but were not severely injured.

The cause of the wreck was a broken flange on the left front wheel of a gondola loaded with ore just ahead of the three engines in the middle of the train. Passenger trains from the south were held up in Ashland for several hours, No. 14, due here at 7:05, remaining until 3:15 in the afternoon, while No. 12, due at 8:47, got away at 3:45. The south-bound trains did not get in until late in the evening.

Engineer W. E. Everton is a cousin of Engineer Walter Everton of this city.

## Pneumonia Cases Prevalent in City

A number of Ashland people are seriously ill with pneumonia and a severe form of grip which has assumed the form of an epidemic. Among these are Mrs. Frank Grisez, who has been lying critically ill at her home with pneumonia during the past week. George E. Cyster, a well known Southern Pacific employe, is suffering with an attack of pneumonia at his home on Granite street. David Whittle, a member of the senior class of the high school, is laid up with an attack of grippe that borders on pneumonia. Orra Angle, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia at his home on Oak street, is improving at last reports.

## Former Pioneer of Jackson Co. Dead

B. W. Dean of Port Orford, Curry county, died at his home quite suddenly Sunday, April 14, from the result of a paralytic seizure. According to reports, he had gone to the beach to dig clams and was found lying there unconscious. Mr. Dean was a former resident of Jackson county, where he served as sheriff some years ago. He is survived by his wife and three children, Nathaniel S. Dean of Port Orford; Anna M. Dean, of Sacramento, and Mrs. Alfred Haft, of Sixes. Since residing in Curry county Mr. Dean had served as deputy sheriff, and for many years was state deputy fire warden for Curry county.

## Medford Considered For Aviation Camp

Medford is leaving no stone unturned to secure an aviation training camp at that city, and during the past week Emil Mohr, proprietor of the Hotel Medford, who has been in communication with Senator Chamberlain in regard to the matter, received a letter from the senator in which the latter enclosed a communication from Adjutant General H. T. McCain relative to the matter in which he states that at the present time it has not been determined to establish further aviation fields.

Arrangements have been made, he claims, for the inspection by a board of officers now on the Pacific coast of sites for permanent air defenses of both Medford and Hermiston as possible sites for further aviation activities. Should it be decided to extend the activities of the aviation section and build additional training camps in the far west, the adjutant general states, these locations will be given careful consideration.

## French Town Now in Hands of Boche After Repeated Drive

London, April 24.—Heralded by heavy artillery preparation over a wide extent of front the enemy had made a new bid for Amiens, but, according to latest reports, with only slight success, namely, the capture of the village of Villers-Bretonneux, after all-day fighting.

Attacks in the other sectors have been repulsed.

Paris, April 24.—The battle on the whole front south of the Somme and on the Arve raged all day and still continues, according to the official announcement tonight.

The Germans gained a footing in the woods to the northward of Hangard-en-Santerre and also in the eastern outskirts of the village, which the French are desperately defending.

Several enemy assaults were shattered near Hailles and Senecat wood and Hill 82.

The statement says:

"An intense bombardment of the Franco-American positions south of the Somme and on the Arve was followed by a German attack carried out all along this front by considerable forces at 5 o'clock in the morning. The efforts of the enemy were directed against Hangard-en-Santerre, the region of Hailles and Senecat wood, South of the Arve, the battis, which lasted all day, continued at the present hour. It was particularly stubborn in the region of Hangard. After a series of furious assaults, the enemy succeeded in gaining a footing in the wood north of Hangard, as well as in the eastern outskirts of the village, which our troops are desperately defending.

The fighting was less violent in the neighborhood of Hailles. Several enemy assaults directed against the ridge east of the village were broken down by our fire and counter-attacks.

## Railroad Employes Further Contribute

The following additional subscriptions to the Third Liberty loan has been made by the Southern Pacific employes since the last report:

\$200 Subscriptions  
J. H. Spearman.

100 Subscriptions  
Andrew Finneran, A. C. Decker, C. R. Jones, Chas. L. Wilson.

\$50 Subscriptions  
W. C. Baldwin, F. S. Foltz, M. A. Dean, W. C. Bevington, Earl Smith, G. H. Bromser, H. H. Vos, Carl R. Harris.

## Prominent Speaker To be Here Sunday

Rev. E. W. Halpenny of Toronto, Canada, the latest addition to the staff of the International Sunday School association, will speak in the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, April 28, at 2:30. This will be a rare opportunity to hear one of the world's great workers and all interested in church and Sunday school work should be present. It is very considerate on the part of those in authority to give Ashland the opportunity to hear Mr. Halpenny's stirring message, and it is hoped a "full house" will greet him.

## State Is Now 30 Per Cent. Over Top

Exclusive of results in Multnomah county and Portland, the latest compilation of subscriptions to the third Liberty loan in Oregon shows a total of \$11,379,950. Casting up of the results of the drive in Portland since last week has not been completed, but the total for Portland is estimated at over \$12,500,000, making the state's total close to \$24,000,000. Every city and town reached or went over the minimum required quota of subscriptions to the war bonds.

Following are the results of subscriptions by percentages of Ashland and nearby towns compared with their quotas:

Ashland, 145.4; Medford, 100.0; Central Point, 100.00; Rogue River, 429.2; Jacksonville, 296.1; Talent, 192.3; Butte Falls, 129.2; Eagle Point, 104.1; Gold Hill, 204.5; and Klamath county, 156.4; Grants Pass, 152.2; Roseburg, 113.3.

"Further to the south the German were similarly checked in their attempts against Senecat wood and Hill 82, which remained in our hands.

"On the right bank of the Meuse, the artillery was quite active.

"Eastern theatre, April 23.—Very spirited fighting activity has continued in the various sectors. The day was marked by a series of new successes for our troops. West of Dolrain British detachments penetrated the Bulgarian trenches on an extended front; they destroyed shelters and inflicted very serious losses on the enemy. In the region west of the front a mobile reconnoitering party operating on Davoil, gained ground and occupied the villages of Sals and Streica, taking prisoners. On both sides of Derna bend and on the Serbian front, we repulsed enemy attacks, notably a new attempt by the Bulgarians to retake the work which the Serbians captured on April 21."

The reference in the French official statement definitely locates the American troops which were moved from the southern sectors of the battle line to parts of the front, which were hard pressed during the great German drive through Picardy. It has been known that they were somewhere in the battle area since April 6, when Stephen Pichon, foreign minister of France, speaking at Paris, spoke of the American "fighting in Picardy and sacrificing their lives to drive the enemy from our land."

On April 19 dispatches from both the French and British headquarters reported the arrival of American troops. This was prior to the time when the French extended their lines far to the north of Mondidier. The French official statement may indicate that the Americans did not move to the north when the British forces were replaced by the French, but held the positions to which they were originally assigned.

## Siskiyou Woman Died This Week

Mrs. Kate Dixon, an aunt of Geo. H. Ketchum of Ashland, died at her home in Siskiyou county, Sunday, aged 60 years, and was buried Tuesday at Yreka. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Andrew Rowe of Edgewood, two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Ketchum of San Francisco, and Mrs. Anna Eagles of Dunsmuir, one brother, John Lutz of Redding, two nephews and two nieces, Geo. H. Ketchum of Ashland, Harry Eagles of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. W. Rambo of Martinez, Ruby Eagles of Dunsmuir, and two grandchildren, Carl and Alta Rowe of Edgewood.

George H. Ketchum was at Yreka Tuesday attending the funeral and returned home Wednesday morning.

## Troops to Stop in Ashland For Meals

Advance notice has come to this city of the movement of troops passing through here the latter part of the month, and who will stop here for meals at various hours of the day. These troops, who will number upwards of 1000 and will take several days in going to their destination, will be fed by the Civic Improvement club and the Depot hotel.

Since early in the year the Civic Improvement club has made arrangements whereby its members will feed the next contingent of troops going to the cantonments, and plans for the execution of this enormous undertaking have been completed. The dining room of the Elks Temple has been secured for this purpose and committees appointed to be ready at the call, as only a short notice of the arrival of the trains will be given out beforehand.

The members of the drafted men coming in will be divided between the Depot hotel and the Civic club, and all soldiers will be taken care of during their stop in Ashland. Breakfast, luncheon and dinner will be served on the various days the trains are passing through, although all three meals will not be served the same day.

Mrs. H. S. Mullt has gone to Portland where she was called by the serious illness of her son, L. L. Mullt, vice-president of the Northwestern National bank.

## National Guard to Be Organized Here

The Ashland Home Guards have been officially notified that they will be mustered into the Oregon National Guard by the state as soon as they are recruited up to 65 members or more. Arrangements to this effect were received this week, and at their last drill meeting Tuesday night the local Home Guard made arrangements whereby a big effort will be inaugurated to increase the membership to this amount so that at the scheduled time the guard may be mustered into the state organization.

A drive will be given starting Thursday, and will continue until the next meeting night, Tuesday, in an effort to recruit the Home Guard to the requisite number of members. A recruiting officer will be stationed at the Commercial club rooms Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday nights to induce local members to join the organization. The age limit for the National Guard will be 18 to 40 years, down to 16 years with their parent's consent.

Tuesday, May 2, is the date set for the Home Guard to be mustered into the state organization, and the local guards will be busy meanwhile endeavoring to recruit as many as possible. The company will be fully equipped with guns when it is organized, and an effort will be made whereby the county will possibly furnish uniforms.

## Aged Ashland Lady Pneumonia Victim

Mrs. Maria Plumeth died at her home on Sixth street at 12:10 midnight, Wednesday, aged 76 years. Death was due to broncho-pneumonia of which she had been a sufferer for only a short time.

Funeral services will take place this afternoon from the Nazarene church at 2 o'clock, and interment will be made in Mountain View cemetery. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. Mabel Dilhan of San Francisco.

## Canteen Station Apples Exhausted

When the train of soldiers going to Texas passed through this city yesterday afternoon the attendants at the canteen station exhausted the supply of apples that had been donated to give the passing soldiers. This is one of the stations where the boys in khaki expect to receive this attention, and they always feel disappointed if the apples are not forthcoming. While it is getting late in the season, yet many people have apples left which in many cases go to waste, and it would be greatly appreciated by the canteen contingent if apples will be given to the boys now, as troop trains are moving through here frequently.

## Camp Life Improves Late Recruited Men

A troop train of 200 soldiers from American Lake passed through this city yesterday afternoon on their way to Texas. They stopped here forty minutes and were met at the canteen station by the committee in charge, who treated the visiting soldier with apples and presented them with picture postcards of the city. These men were on their way to Texas, and some of them were members of the contingent passing through here two weeks ago. One young man asked Mrs. W. L. Maxey of the canteen station if she remembered him, and on being told she did not, he said he was of the bunch of "rough necks" that passed through here a short time ago. He had only been at Camp Lewis a week, but in that time had developed into a soldier of whom Uncle Sam may be justly proud.

Mrs. Alice R. Nugent of Umatilla, in eastern Oregon, is in Ashland today in the interests of Mr. Stanfield's candidacy for U. S. senator. Some erroneous stories seem to have been started to his attitude on prohibition and Mrs. Nugent, always a strong prohibitionist, is here for the purpose of correcting insofar as may be the erroneous impressions that have become more or less current. She says, as between McNary and Stanfield, the record of Stanfield on prohibition is far ahead that of McNary.

## North Pacific to Furdish Foresters

District Forester Geo. H. Cecil, of Portland, has compiled a directory giving the mail addresses of forest service men from this district who are in the army and navy and sent a copy to all forest officers in the district, with the suggestion that they write letters to their friends at the front.

This directory shows that one hundred and seven members of the forest service in the north Pacific district have answered their country's call and joined some branch of military service since America entered the world war. Seventeen other former members of the forest service have entered the army and navy from private employ. Two have already sealed their loyalty with their lives.

According to this directory, twenty-one men went from the district forester's office, eleven from the Olympic national forest, ten each from the Oregon and Snoqualmie forests, eight each from the Washington and Wenatchee forests, six from the Colville, five each from the Rainier and Whitman, four each from the Chelan, Columbia and Ochocho, three each from the Cascade, Stuslaw and Umatilla, two each from the Crater, Minam, Santiam, Umpqua and Okanogan, and one each from the Malheur, Siskiyou, Wallowa, and Wenaha.

The positions formerly occupied by these men in the forest service range from district forester to messenger. A large proportion of them were forest rangers and forest guards. Professionally trained foresters and men from nearly every line of forest service work are included in the roster. It is said that field men of the forest service are especially adapted to the life of a soldier because of their being accustomed to rugged outdoor life.

The forest regiments, the 10th and 20th engineers, have 50 of the men from this district; 20 more are in the signal corps. Nearly all branches of the military service have attracted the men who left the forest service to do their part in making the world a fit place to live in.

Stanley R. Augspurger and Roy Muncaster, both members of the 20th engineers (forest), were lost when the Tuscania went down and are buried on the coast of Scotland. Mr. Augspurger was a field assistant on the Columbia national forest, working at the Wind river nursery just before enlisting. His home was in Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Muncaster was a district ranger on the Olympic national forest previous to his enlistment. He came to the coast from Denver, Colo.

## Cyril Maude Comes To Page Tuesday

Cyril Maude, who appears at the Page, April 30 in "Grumpy" is thus spoken of in the San Francisco Examiner: "Cyril Maude came back to the Columbia last night with his famous title role characterization of the irascible but lovable old English barrister, Mr. Andrew Bullivant, in 'Grumpy'."

"Last night was the opening salvo in 'Grumpy's' American campaign: for we are at liberty to use military language since 'Grumpy' came to the footlights at the end of the third act and made a pretty little speech and assured us he is our Anglo-Saxon ally and means to do his bit to help win the war over there.

"Maude is unusually well supported by his aides, of whom Miss Dorothy Cummins is charmingly 'ripping', to borrow Ernest's line, and Betty Murray is unusually nice to look at. In the men's roles, Jarvis is exceedingly good.

Miss Callie Vogell, stenographer for the public schools, has been suffering from an attack of grippe and has been incapacitated for several days during the week.

Mrs. Nellie Connor and daughter Helen, who are now living in San Francisco, came home last evening on a brief business trip, and will go back again today. Miss Helen is taking a course in telegraphy in the S. P. school for telegraphers.

Mrs. A. C. Ninninger and children, Mrs. William Hulien and son Billy, Mrs. Hattie Camps and son, Max, returned Sunday from an automobile trip in California which extended as far as Weed.