

484TH COMPANY SHOWS MARKED GAIN FOR MONTH

DISBANDMENT CRISIS IS BELIEVED TO BE PASSED

ORGANIZATION JUMPS FROM BOTTOM OF LIST TO 19TH POSITION

Increase Pleasing to Men and Officers; Regular Attendance at Drill Still Necessary; Athletic Activities Are Now on Program.

If the present amount of interest in the 484th company is continued, Ashland will not lose its military organization, according to a report made by headquarters. During the past two months, the company has risen from 29th place on a list of 30 military units in the state, until it stands 19th. It was because of the length of time the company had remained at the foot of the list that Adjutant General George A. White was seriously contemplating the disbanding of the 484th company, as it was not living up to requirements made by the government.

During the month of October, when the unit stood second from the foot of the list, 68 men were attending drills while the quota demanded \$5. An average attendance of 33.2 men was recorded. This was a gain over September, when but 25.3 men attended drill. This was a gain of 7.9 with no losses.

In November, the 484th company jumped into 19th place, with a strength of 75 men and a quota of \$5. This represented an average increase over the previous month of 45.3. The gain for the month of November was 6 per cent over any other organization in the state. The company was rated during November at 56.9 instead of 39.1 as it was during October. In order to keep up the average attendance, according to members of the organization, it is necessary for as many men as possible can to attend the Thursday night drills in addition to the regular one for Monday night.

Regular drill was held last night, together with quarterly inspection and muster. Lieutenant R. T. Kerr, recruiting officer for the United States navy, assisted Captain J. Quinley Adams in making the inspection, and gave the men a short talk following.

Following the drill, by-laws of the 484th company fraternal club were adopted and officers nominated. These will be elected at the next drill night, which will be Wednesday night of this week, instead of Thursday.

At a business meeting after drill, various forms of athletics, including basketball, boxing, hand and volley ball were planned for the coming year. It was also announced that garrison caps would be issued in a short time and that foils to be used in fencing would be available.

The Armory club rooms are kept open for members during the week-end and on Sunday afternoon. This feature is providing a place of recreation for those whose homes are not in the city. A canteen also supplies their wants. A vote of thanks was given the Civic club last night for the donation of chairs for the club room.

FORMER A. H. S. FOOTBALL STAR COACHES CHAMPIONS

The rotogravure section of the Minneapolis Journal for Sunday, December 3, has a splendid picture of the Alexandria, Minn., high school football team, the champions of northern Minnesota.

This team made an excellent showing during the past season under the coaching of Harry E. Reese. Though there are probably not very many people in the city today who will remember him, those who were close followers of the gridiron in 1912, will recall that Reese was a member of the Ashland high school football team of that year. This is the first word of him that has been received for some time, and friends will be glad to learn of his success in the coaching game, and wish him good luck next season.

Rev. W. R. Mörrenz-Oeser, of Medford, owner of the east side service station, was in the city today.

AUTO GRADUALLY CUTS HORSE'S MARKET VALUE SHOWN IN QUOTATIONS

WATERLOO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The days of Old Dobbin are past.

The gasoline motor is replacing him so fast, both on the farm and in the city, that he brings less than one-half of his valuation of two years ago, regardless of how strong and sound he may be.

An analysis made of recent auction and private sales in western New York shows that horses have brought an average of but \$90 each, while two years ago the figures were from \$150 to \$200.

QUEEN OF BANDITS QUESTIONED ABOUT FOUR MINT BANDITS

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 19.—Secret service men, department of justice men and peace officers have joined in a great man hunt to apprehend the four daring bandits who yesterday held up guards transporting money from the United States mint, escaping with \$200,000 in greenbacks and killing Charles Linton. No clues are revealed yet, although the posses are hot on the trail.

Eva Lewis, "queen" of the notorious Dale Jones gang, denies she had anything to do with the crime. She says woman is "over the pawn of man. She acts impulsively and without premeditation. It is hardly possible she was implicated in this deliberate affair."

WIFE AND MAN SHOT AS HUSBAND SLEEPS

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Ruby Kereneck and Corporal Gordon Hunter, of Camp Travis, were found shot to death in a local hotel today. An automatic was found beside Hunter. The woman was shot in the back of the head, and Hunter through back of her head, while Hunter was shot through the right temple.

The woman's husband was found asleep in the next room, and is being questioned by the police. He says Hunter met his wife last Monday.

NAME WASN'T SAMSON, JUST PLAIN SIMPSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Sam Simpson worked hard. All day long he carried heavy iron balks and girders to and fro. Towards morning he said to the foreman, who was a notorious slave driver: "Boss, you am sure you got me down on dat payroll, yeh?"

The foreman glanced at his list. "Yes," he said sternly, "here you are—Sam Simpson. That's right, isn't it?"

"Yaas, boss, but Ah thought meb-uh yuh done gone got me down dah as Samson."

Study Schedule Arranged—

Students at Ashland high school were busy today arranging their study schedule for the next term, which will begin January 22, 1923. Vacation in the public and high school of the city will begin Friday, December 22, and will terminate the morning of January 8, 1923.

Esstebal Practice Begins—

Basketball practice has begun in earnest at the high school, with nearly five teams out the first night. Only two members of the championship team of last year are in school this year, the others being lost through graduation. These are Hobson and Chapman. The material is good this year, and Coach Hughes has hopes of developing another championship team this season with proper support from the student body. To do this, every available man must report for practice.

Will See Kolb and Dill —

A party composed of Miss Ruth Osmun, Mrs. Emma Murphy, Mrs. Selma Gray and Mrs. C. H. Pierce expect to motor to Medford tonight for the Kolb and Dill show, which plays there.

Near East Peace Conference at Lausanne



These photographs have just arrived from Lausanne, Switzerland, where the Near East peace conference is in session. The Turkish delegation is shown arriving for the opening of the conference, and inset are seen Lord Curzon of Great Britain, Premier Mussolini of Italy and Premier Poincare of France.

WAR DEBT MONEY NEEDED IN AMERICA DECLARES HARDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Discussion as to how America can most helpfully participate in the settlement of German reparations, described as the crux of the European situation, has been renewed by the president and his cabinet. America so far has put forth only feelers to determine whether the allied governments want American help.

The government wants readjustment of reparations to aid in funding the eleven billions of war debts owed to America.

T. B. TESTER TO VISIT TALENT WEDNESDAY

The tubercular testing of cattle being about completed in the Ashland vicinity, activities have shifted to a point further north.

Testing is being done today in the territory southwest of Talent, including the Wagner and Anderson creek districts.

Cattle owners of Talent are requested to have their animals, three or less, at the open lot or a nearby barn west of the Talent Mercantile store at 9 o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday. Herds of four or more in or near town will be visited by request.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Ashland Lodge No. 23

A. F. & A. M.

Stated convolve, Wednesday evening, December 20. Installation of officers. Refreshments. All Sir Knights courteously invited.

W. H. McNAIR, T. C.

W. H. DAY, Recorder. 91-1

O. E. S.

Regular meeting Alpha chapter No. 1, O. E. S., this (Tuesday) evening, Masonic hall, 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members cordially welcome.

LORENA McNAIR, W. M.

LEAH CALDWELL, Secy.

NOTICE

Social at Odd Fellows' hall Thursday evening, December 21. Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their families invited. 91-3

C. of C. Meeting Tonight—

F. A. Nagley, professor of business administration of the University of Oregon, will speak on "Making Money from Ideas" at a meeting of the chamber of commerce this evening. The meeting will be held in the Civic club building, and will be followed by a social hour, during which light refreshments will be served. This meeting is held in place of the regular Tuesday forum luncheon. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting this evening.

Medford Cop Smells Booze—

A collection of choice liquors, including gin, champagne and whiskey, six sacks full, were located in a machine in a garage by Officer Adams, of Medford. The driver, who gave his address as Vancouver, Wash., stated neither the car nor its con-

COMING EVENTS

- Six more days until Xmas.
- Don't delay shopping.
- December 18-19—U. S. navy recruiting officer here.
- December 19—C. of C. meeting, Civic club building.
- December 21—Cooked food sale, Trinity Guild.
- December 22—Christmas program, High School.
- December 22—"Man in the Making." Civic club building.
- December 25, Monday—Christmas Day.
- December 25—Christmas ball benefit 484th company, Armory.
- Monday, January 1, 1923.
- January 1-5—Week of prayer in Ashland churches.

DOMINO PROVOST TO BECOME BENEDICT

Domino Provost, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Provost, left this morning for Oakland, Calif., where he will meet Miss Mildred Carlton, of Welland, and will marry her on December 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Prosser, of Oakland. The young couple were expected back in the city Sunday night or early Christmas morning. They will make their home on the corner of Union and Fairview.

Both of the young people are well-known in the city. Mr. Provost having been associated with his father in the hardware business and is a graduate of Ashland high school. His bride also has a host of friends in the city, having spent several months here during the summer upon leaving Ashland about six months ago, she went to Pasadena, where she had a fine position with the telephone company. A short time ago she resigned, and visited with friends and relatives in San Diego and other California cities. She is expected to reach Oakland on the same day that Domino Provost does, and the two will meet at the courthouse. The wedding will be solemnized at the home of friends immediately, and the trip home commenced.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD IN SESSION MONDAY

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce was held in the secretary's office Monday evening. A report of the activities of the organization in the Winter Fair was read and the matter of the annual banquet was taken up and discussed, it being decided to hold it early in January. A committee composed of L. F. Ferguson, R. E. Detrick and I. R. Vining was selected to make the necessary arrangements for the affair.

Dunn is Proud Father—

George Edwin Dunn, commander of Ashland post No. 14, American Legion, is wearing a happy smile today on account of the arrival of a Legionaire at his home this morning. Both the young soldier and his mother are reported to be doing very nicely. The latest addition to the Dunn family, weighs 10 1/2 pounds.

Many Stores Being Decorated—

In keeping with the holiday season, many merchants are making an effort to decorate their stores, and in a majority of instances the result-ant effect is very fine. The windows in general present an attractive appearance, while the interior of the buildings have been made gay with festoons of evergreen, tinsel and colored paper.

SEVEN IRRIGULARS EXECUTED TODAY BY FREE STATE ORDER

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—Seven irregular republican prisoners were executed at Mount Joy prison today by the Irish Free State government. They were arrested two weeks ago at Kildare for tearing up rails and threatening to wreck trains.

The condemned men were tried by a secret court martial, and charged with having weapons for rebellion. Stephen White, Joseph Johnson, Patrick Mangan, Patrick Nolan, Brian Moore, James O'Connor and Patrick Bagnell were the men executed.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN ERNESTINE HICKS

A pleasant surprise party was held for Miss Ernestine Hicks at her home on North Main street on Saturday evening. Many beautiful presents were received by Miss Hicks from those present, of which she is justly proud.

The early part of the evening was spent in dancing. Then the guests sat down to an elaborate lunch, the crowning feature of which was a large birthday cake decorated with small candles. Following the lunch Mrs. Hicks proceeded to read the cups as they sat about the table, which was highly enjoyed by all.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Guiley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Coovling, Mr. and Mrs. B. Middleton, Mrs. F. Deardorf, Mrs. Jennie Schwahn, Mrs. Emma Murphy, the Misses Ruth Osmun, Mae Hadfield, Ernestine Hicks, Adeline Coovling, Effie Hazen, Hazel Deardorf, and Ollie Easterling, Fred Beck, Lars Allison, Wright Hicks, T. Moran, and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks.

WILL SHOW SCENES OF ASTORIA FIRE AT VIXING

The horrors of the Astoria fire will be portrayed on the screen at the Vixing tonight and a brief talk on what he found when he arrived in the city to do rescue work will be made by a former Ashland man, Frank W. Hudson, who was among the first to arrive to help the stricken people.

He has addressed meeting at Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford in the interest of the fire victims, and a good crowd is expected to attend to hear the exact facts about what Astoria is like today. Mr. Hudson says the newspapers have greatly underrated the damage and the suffering now occurring in that city. One can hardly realize, he says, how nearly destitute many of the prominent business men of Astoria actually are today.

The business men of Astoria carried very little insurance owing to the extremely high rate that applied to the city, which accounts for the heavy loss sustained.

SILENT CALL SYSTEM INSTALLED AT HOSPITAL

The Murphy Electric company has just completed installing the silent call system at the Community hospital, which makes the local institution absolutely noiseless when patients call for a nurse.

The system is composed of lights of various colors and is so arranged that a nurse is able to tell instantly on what floor the call was from and on reaching that floor, lights installed at the entrance of each room will tell the nurse where the call came from. In this manner, the call also remains continuous until the nurse goes to the patient and turns the light off in that room.

"SAP AND SALT" WILL APPEAR ON THE SCREEN

Bert Moses received word this morning from the Premier Syndicate, who are placing his sayings with periodicals over the country, to the effect that the Literary Digest had contracted for his articles and that they would be shown frequently in some 1000 theatres over the country.

DRY DETECTIVE CARRIES OFF EVIDENCE IN MOUTH; MUST EXPLAIN IN COURT

CORTLAND, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A private detective employed by Cortland county to get evidence against Thomas Riley, a local "mine host," believed to be violating the Mullan-Gage dry law, will have to tell how he carried away the evidence in his mouth, when the case is moved for trial in county court here.

The county authorities say the alleged liquor was later poured into a bottle and preserved as evidence against Riley. Prohibition enforcement knows no similar case, it is said.

HIGH COURT RULES THAT WOMEN SERVE DURING SEX TRIALS

SALEM, Dec. 19.—The act of 1921 making women eligible for jury duty was declared constitutional in an opinion of the state supreme court handed down today. Also the provision for an equal number of men and women in the trial of sex crimes means exactly that, the opinion states.

The case of J. J. Chase vs. the state of Oregon, where the defendant was charged with the rape of a nine-year-old girl, was in question. He pled the law was unconstitutional when men jurors were refused in an effort to get the sixth woman juror to complete the panel.

PAPER DEALERS ARE FACING COMPLAINTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The federal trade commission has issued a complaint against all wholesale paper dealers of Oregon, Washington and California, alleging that by a concerted agreement, members of local association seek to maintain a schedule of prices and to suppress competition.

They have been given 30 days to answer before trial.

SHORT COURSES LISTED FOR WINTER AT O. A. C.

The bulletin on winter short courses at the Oregon Agricultural college is now off the press, and those interested may obtain copies by writing to the registrar of the college, Corvallis, Oregon.

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The only admission requirements are that the applicant must be at least 18 years of age, and must have completed the eighth grade of the public schools, or by practical experience have acquired the ability to carry the work successfully.

Courses offered are as follows: Tractor mechanics, January 2 to March 17, 1923; general agriculture, January 2 to March 17; horticulture, January 2 to March 17; dairy herdsmen's course, January 2 to June 10; dairy manufacturing, January 2-27 and January 28 to February 24; short course in horticultural products, February 2-27; bee culture, March 19-24.

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The services will all be held in the Presbyterian church and, owing to this fact, Rev. Koehler will not deliver a sermon during the week but will have charge of the music each night.

PUBLIC AGAIN LOOKS ASKANCE AT HOLLYWOOD

DRASTIC ANTI-NARCOTIC LAWS TO BE DEMANDED OF THE GOVERNMENT

CALIFORNIA MINISTERS DEMAND INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles City Council Asked to Appoint Committee to Probe Alleged Drug Center; Complete Vindication If Charges Found False.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Enactment of more drastic anti-narcotic laws is likely to result from the revelation of Wallie Reid, slave of drugs. It is declared in congressional circles today.

Senator Shortridge, of California, says Reid's affliction is a danger signal to the whole movie world of the "trifling punishment inflicted by drugs." Shortridge recommends a harsher enforcement of existing laws, and new federal restrictions to wipe out the drug trade throughout the nation.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, recommends such action. He frowns on a federal movie censorship, however, declaring American motherhood is capable of protecting the children from immoral pictures.

Senator Meyers, of Montana, declared the Reid case indicated a need to clean up the undesirable characters in the movies.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Methodist preachers of southern California have urged the Los Angeles city council that alleged vice and drug conditions in Hollywood be investigated. The plea followed the case of Wally Reid, who is very ill following a breakdown said to be due to the effects of narcotics and over-indulgence in alcoholic drinking.

The ministers ask that a remedy be taken if Hollywood is found to be a drug center, and also, if charges are found to be false, that a complete vindication of the film center be forthcoming. They suggest a commission of prominent citizens be appointed to investigate.

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MALARIA GERMS cannot survive three months in the rich ozone at Ashland. The pure domestic water helps.