

ASHLAND MUSIC CLUB TO OBSERVE NATIONAL WEEK

(Continued.)

America does things by weeks. We eat more raisins, build better homes and lay shinier linoleum a prescribed seven days in each year. This is the week the whole nation is to live, think and act musically.

Music Week was first thought of in print in 1917. Two years later cities began having local music weeks and in 1924 a national committee was formed and all the music weeks synchronized into the National Music Week taking place the first part of May. Over one thousand cities in the United States now participate in the national celebration of music. This "week" is unique in that you are not urged to buy or expend anything but the pleasure of self expression and this is the one thing that has made the idea exceedingly popular besides that other which is that nine out of every ten men think they can sing tenor. The famous H. E. Kriebel says that singing choruses is the most unselfish form of music there is and the great Schumann said that to be truly musical one must join in community singing. Besides, it is rather thrilling this week to think that when you sing a song, hundreds of thousands of people all over the country are doing the same thing.

music on their programs whether they usually do or not, and the different organizations to give their quartets and soloists free rein for this week at least. We hope that all the schools will have more singing in their assemblies and that the Glee Club and Orchestra at the High School will be allowed to perform frequently for these few days.

Don't think, however, that the music must be confined to groups of people. If you are a "morning gloriator" and are in the habit of arising with a song, keep it up. If you are not, start now to begin the day singing even if you can only warble like the school child, wrongly but happily of the "Land where my father lied, Land where my children cried." Don't forget the slogan of Music Week which is to "Give more thought to Music" for by following it you will become a part of that great national force which, this week more than any other, is sweeping the nation and coming into its own as one of the greatest cultural elements of life.

The Ashland Music Study Club.

CAMP FIRE COUNCIL SESSION IS SUCCESS

Camp Fire Girls in Ashland have been working for several months for a Grand Council Fire. Friday evening after school the five camps in Ashland gathered for the ceremony in the meadow on the Ralph Billings farm.

As it grew dark, material was gathered, and a large council fire was built. The girls and the guardians took their places in a circle around the fire. Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Billings, and several teachers, who were guests, sat outside the circle, but near enough to understand the ceremonies.

During the evening 28 girls took rank as Woodgatherers, the first advancement in Campfire life. These girls were especially proud to know that they were the first to take such a rank in Ashland.

Miss Crain, the leader of the Wawokiyo group and of the High School, had charge of the program, which consisted of the awarding the Honor beads, giving out of Campfire Rings, welcoming of new members, and singing of Campfire songs. Beth Joy of the Hawthorne group gave the poem "Suppose" which was quite an appropriate piece. Mr. Briscoe expressed his appreciation of Campfire and its ideals, and encouraged its advancement.

The crackling fire, the starry night, and the rustling waves of grass blended with hushed voices to make the first Grand Council Fire of Ashland Campfire Girls an occasion not soon to be forgotten.

Ellen Gale.



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ARMY RED TAPE CUT BY SECRETARY DAVIS

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis, who is a business man, has declared war on army red tape.

A group of representative business men from various parts of the country have visited the department at his invitation to show officials how to eliminate work and make short cuts to efficiency.

Here is a sample given by Davis of what he calls "cutting off a few more feet of red tape":

"Our new system provides that when a Chief of Branch asks for money in his preliminary estimates and the Secretary of War, the Director of the Budget and Congress have all concurred to the extent of making the necessary appropriations, it is assumed that the contemplated expenditure is justifiable, and the Chief of Branch can get his money of the Treasury without proving his case all over again.

"The old system for a complete rewriting of the minor items in the estimates at every step in their preparation. In addition, even after Congress had appropriated the money, it was necessary for a Chief of Branch to submit a new requisition every time he wanted an allotment made out of a particular appropriation.

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LIGHTENING PROTECTION FOR AERIALS IS URGED

LONDON, (UP)—A home wireless aerial should be made a natural conductor during an electric storm, according to the advice of the British Broadcasting Company.

Many wireless enthusiasts were anxious as the result of a report of an amateur wireless set being destroyed by fire owing to the aerial being struck by lightning. The question arose whether it was safe to have a wireless set, especially in the summer months when thunderstorms are prevalent.

The B. B. C. stated that every set should be fitted with an aerial lightning switch outside the house, never inside.

The amateur whose set was destroyed had an aerial switch, but it was fixed inside the window, near the lead-in. When the lightning struck the aerial and a heavy discharge oscillated in the aerial circuit, the aerial switch was not strong enough to withstand it, despite the fact that it was earthed, and it appeared likely that a spark jumped from the aerial terminal to the terminal connecting the set. Such a spark, it was explained, is liable to set fire to neighboring woodwork.

the earth wire. By shorting the aerial to earth, a good path is made for any current in the aerial to flow through the switch and to earth.

In this way the aerial is converted into a lightning conductor and there is no danger of the set being destroyed. Amateurs are emphatically warned against a break switch inside the house, that a change-over switch such as is used on a receiving set is useless, and that the ordinary electric light tumbler switch is not always effective. Amateurs who have no switch are advised to make sure, when having finished using the set, to disconnect the aerial terminal and earth terminal, and join the two together.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed the final account of his administration of the estate of Minnie J. Ogg, deceased, in the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, and that the Judge of said Court has designated Tuesday, June 1, 1926, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. at the County Judge's office in the court house in Jacksonville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to, and the settlement of said account.

G. G. EUBANKS,
Administrator.
201-4-Tues.

A newspaper usually is as good as the people are at subscribing for it.

UNION OF PROTESTANTISM NEW BROTHERHOOD'S AIM

MONROE, La., (UP)—The Protestant Brotherhood of America, has been organized here to eliminate church denominational lines.

Constitution and by-laws have been adopted and plans are progressing to make the new organization wide in scope. John T. Bryant, former postmaster and active lodge worker, has worked with other townspeople for more than a year in perfecting details of the order.

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