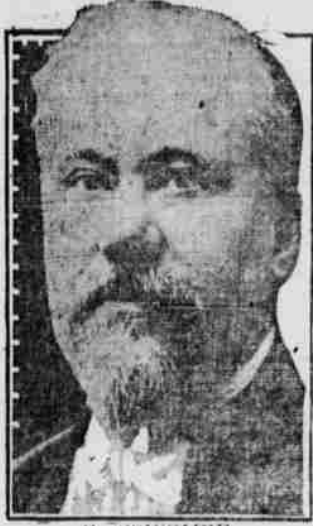


ASHLAND WEEKLY TIDINGS

France Pays Homage To American Dead

An appealing echo from the great world war was sounded yesterday afternoon when the honorific certificates of the French High Commission in the direction of the nearest of kin of those who died in service in the world war. The Vining theater was filled to its utmost capacity with those who by their presence came to pay trib-



R. POINCARÉ, Former President of France

ute to Ashland's heroic dead. Sections in the building were reserved for the families of those who had paid the supreme sacrifice during the war, for the members of the American Legion and their families, the members of the Grand Army Post, the Women's Relief Corps and the National Guard Uniformed ushers from the army and navy seated the throngs that gathered to do homage by their presence at this occasion.

Ashland has fifteen names on her honor roll, who gave their lives during the past war. These are: Earl D. Beeson, Walter Ray Davis, Arthur M. Decker, Willis Hines, Algie V. Loomis, Arthur Ray Morgan, Walter Anderson Phillips, Orlie H. Powers, Archibald Smith, Horatio S. Sanford Jr., Herbert Guy Spencer, Clement M. Summers Jr., Philip R. Trefren, Forrest G. Wolcott, James Morle Fountain. Of this number some are sleeping in "Flanders" field where poppies grow, while others fell by disease in the home camp and are now occupying a last resting place in "God's acre," near their homes.

William M. Briggs, commander of Ashland Post, No. 14, American Legion, in making the opening remarks, stated that the occasion was not to open old wounds or to cause fresh sorrow to those whose hearts had been wrung by the bitterness of loss, but rather to spread the gospel of gladness that so many had answered the call and proven that they were of those whom the late Theodore Roosevelt styled, "one hundred per cent American."

Commander Briggs was followed by Miss Anne Ellis who read Edwin Markham's beautiful and inspiring poem, "France in Battle-Flame." Hon. E. V. Carter, the speaker of the day, opened his address by repeating that poem that will go down in history as the battle hymn of the world war, "In Flanders Fields." He then recalled the day, not yet three years ago, when Ashland sent the flower of her youth to the wars. He spoke of the elation that shone in their eyes at the opportunity of being called to this great duty, but that their sober faces showed that they fully realized the gravity of the task before them.

From this he spoke of the great hopes and aspirations of all that wars should be no more, and voiced a wish that a League of Nations could be evolved that such a state might come to pass.

The speaker also added a word to the American Legion and the younger generations. They are the ones to take up the burdens of state and nation, and carry on for the future welfare of their country. He spoke of the present unrest and disturbances throughout the country in this present reconstruction period, which requires unflinching patriotism to make "Americans for America."

The reading of the honor roll was conducted by Rev. C. A. Edwards, who after reading the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice told of the reason for the occasion. The memorial certificates, given by a grateful nation in honor of those who gave their life's blood to assist a stricken country, contain a symbolic group placed on a renouveau on which is engraved an inscription, the following being the translation: "To the memory of (a blank for the name of the fallen hero), of the

United States of America, who died for liberty during the great war, the homage of France.

"The president of the Republic, 'R. POINCARÉ.'"

The principal figure of the group symbolizes the soul and spirit of the American army which helped France to maintain alive the flame of the torch of liberty and justice.

The sword is not in the scabbard, but ready at any moment to protect and defend the weak and oppressed, symbolized in the left by a mother holding her baby to her breast, and to insure freedom and justice to the coming generations, represented by the figure of the kneeling boy, praying and thanking God for deliverance.

At the right the figure of a man, chained and shackled, symbolizes the spirit of evil and the victory over our enemies. Also at the right, crowning the spirit of America, stands glory, who rejoices with the old war veteran, standing to the left of the principal figure, symbolizing the armies, which are always ready to fight for the good of humanity.

Universal fame is symbolized by the winged figure flying over the group and trumpeting to the world the great triumph in which the United States participated. The American eagle, poised on the staff of peace, watches zealously, and stands ready to swoop in case our enemies again endeavor to disturb the peace of the world, so dearly acquired.

The entire group is framed by a border of oak and laurel leaves, which are always awarded to victors.

At the foot of the renouveau the flags of France and America are draped and joined together by a wreath, which is the mark of gratitude and homage that France pays to our sons who gave their lives for liberty and justice.

The lines engraved on the wall behind the group are taken from one of Victor Hugo's famous poems, and when translated read: "For those who devoutly died for their country it is right that the people come and pray at their tombs."

Musical selections during the exercises consisted of several fine orchestral numbers, a chorus, "Swing Song," by the Ashland high school girls' glee club, a solo, "Marseillaise" sung in French by Mrs. J. H. Provost, and the entire assemblage singing the "Star Spangled Banner." Rev. P. K. Hammond made the opening prayer, while the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. F. Koehler.

After the exercises closed the certificates were presented informally to the families of those on the honor roll. A number of Ashland's enthusiastic members of the Commercial Club and citizens who have the welfare of Southern Oregon at heart gathered at the luncheon given at Hotel Medford yesterday. The object of this meeting was to set together delegates from all over the country for a general discussion of a good roads program. Representatives from practically every point in Jackson county were present at the luncheon, together with representatives of the county court, and the roads conditions of Southern Oregon were threshed out thoroughly, with plans outlined for progress in improvements and hopes expressed for the future.

A general unanimity existed at this luncheon on a program of securing good road construction during the coming year, when every dollar spent by the county will be matched by the state and federal government. At the conclusion of the meeting it was unanimously voted to get behind a \$500,000 county bond issue to be voted on at the May election, to be contingent upon securing aid from the state and government.

Ashland was represented at this luncheon by Hon. E. V. Carter, G. W. Dunn, County Commissioner George Owen, V. O. N. Smith, T. H. Simpson, J. W. McCoy, P. D. Wagner and Lynn D. Mowat.

The body of the late Elvidge McWilliams, whose death occurred at Newman, Calif., Tuesday morning, was brought to Ashland last evening and taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. McWilliams, on Church street, from where the funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. P. K. Hammond conducted the service, and burial was made in Mountain View cemetery. Mr. McWilliams was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams. Beside his parents he is survived by two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. James Peck of Calexico, Calif.; Miss Frances McWilliams of Oakland, Calif.; Charles McWilliams of Klamath Falls and Kenneth McWilliams of Washington state. The latter and Mrs. Peck were unable to come to their brother's funeral.

Legality of state dog license tax to be tested.

NO EXTENSION OF TIME IS GRANTED

Complete returns of individuals, partnerships, fiduciaries and corporations must be in the hands of Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, Portland, Ore., on or before March 15, 1920.

This also applies to the information returns. In addition to the income tax statements required by law, all individuals, partnerships, fiduciaries and corporations having made payments during the year of \$1000 or over to any one person (which includes salaries, wages, fees, commissions, rent, interest, premiums and annuities) must file information returns on Form 1099, accompanying said form with letter of transmission on Form 1096. These information returns must be forwarded directly to Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sorting Division, Washington, D. C.

Last year if having good and sufficient reason it was found impossible to complete a return by March 15, corporations, individuals and partnerships were permitted to file on or before March 15, a tentative return and were given an extension of 45 days in which to file a complete return. Conditions which justified such extensions do not exist this year.

Where additional time is actually required because of illness or absence, an extension of time not to exceed thirty days may be granted upon written application therefor made before the return is due. This, however, only applies to specific cases of illness or absence.

Where a fiscal year has been established in the collector's office the due date of filing income tax returns is the 15th day of the third month from the close of the counting period, but this does not apply to the information returns referred to which must be filed as above.

All people who are not registered are requested by County Clerk Chauncey Florey to register early. The books will close on April 21. The list of voting precincts and registrars of Ashland and Talent for 1920, follow:

No. 1.—Ashland Boulevard. Registrar, C. L. Loomis; address, Ashland, Ore.

No. 2.—Ashland, E. Central. Registrar, G. H. Billings; address, Ashland, Ore.

No. 3.—Ashland, West Central. Registrar, Susie L. Allen; address, Ashland, Ore.

No. 4.—Ashland, Oak. Registrar, G. H. Billings; address, Ashland, Ore.

No. 5.—North Ashland. Registrar, G. H. Billings; address, Ashland, Ore.

No. 6.—East Ashland. Registrar, C. L. Loomis; address, Ashland, Ore.

No. 7.—S. E. Ashland. Registrar, C. L. Loomis; address, Ashland, Ore.

No. 8.—N. W. Ashland. Registrar, Susie L. Allen; address, Ashland, Ore.

No. 9.—Talent, East. Registrar, E. B. Adamson; address, Talent, Ore.

No. 10.—Talent, West. Registrar, E. B. Adamson; address, Talent, Ore.

The grand jury in its recent report went on record in favoring the passage of a new law raising the state bonded indebtedness from 2 per cent to 4 per cent, and such other measures as may be necessary for the carrying out of the legislation for new roads.

A majority of the jury also recommended a bond issue for \$500,000 in the county to assist in the construction of roads to Crater Lake from Medford, from Ashland to the county line over the Green Springs mountain, and from Medford to Ruch in the Applegate section.

WERE YOU MISSED?

There is a possibility that some Ashland citizens were missed when the census enumerators visited the various precincts in the city last month getting the names of the residents for the usual decade census. State Census Supervisor Crawford has requested any such who failed to meet with the enumerator, should there be any such in the city, to leave their name, address and voting precinct at the Commercial Club, and they will be interviewed. While every effort was made to furnish a complete census of Ashland, there may be cases where some were missed, and it is these persons that the supervisor is anxious to get trace of.

MONDAY'S NEWS

The February term of court which was to have opened in Jackson on this morning, was postponed by Judge F. M. Calkins on account of the influenza situation throughout the county. Several of the jurors and attorneys for some of the most important cases are reported ill.

MEDFORD TO HAVE \$50,000 EDIFICE

Rev. J. Randolph Sannett of the Methodist Episcopal church announced Sunday the construction of a new \$50,000 church near the business section of Medford. It is to be the largest church in the state outside of Portland and known as the "People's Temple." On the spine of the church an electric revolving cross, visible from every point in the valley, will be erected.

SATURDAY'S NEWS

Last night was the occasion for one of the prettiest little stag banquets ever staged in Ashland. The spread was at Hotel Austin and Landlord Conner did himself proud both in winds and service. It was as good as can be produced by any hostess. Forty friends of Prof. Vining had gathered there in testimonial of their appreciation of the devoted and self-sacrificing work their host had performed in all the past years, in the interest of the boys of Ashland, not only, but in every good work the city has undertaken in the past twenty years. It was a fitting tribute to a noble guest, a native of this city and a citizen in whose accomplishments the community may feel just pride.

It was tendered through the Commercial Club.

This testimonial was one long deferred; for such expression of appreciation should have been tendered long ago as a climax to his splendid accomplishments, but it was a wonderful and spontaneous expression of good will and affection.

The following friends occupied seats at the banquet table: Lynn D. Mowat; Geo. O. Jarvis, Jesse Winburn, Prof. Vining's guest from New York; E. V. Carter, I. E. Vining, the guest of honor; Emil Peil, C. H. Pierce, A. C. Ninniger, E. T. Staples, P. W. Herrin, F. C. Homes, Leo P. Ferguson, H. G. Enders Jr., Geo. W. Dunn, Bert R. Greer, J. J. Murphy, Geo. N. Kramer, H. H. Elhart, D. Applegate, Happy Gillette, Frank Jordan, A. E. Kinnay, Geo. A. Briscoe, J. H. McGee, J. J. McNair, R. L. Burdick, C. B. Lamkin, E. D. Briggs, P. E. French, E. J. Kahor, G. H. Billings, F. T. Wilson, F. D. Wagner, T. D. LeMaster and E. Perozzi.

E. V. Carter presided and seated at his right was Prof. Vining and at his left Mr. Vining's guest from the east, Mr. Jesse Winburn. Orford's five piece orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The first speaker was Mayor Lamkin who paid a splendid tribute to the sterling worth of the honor guest. L. P. Ferguson spoke a word of appreciation for the Commercial Club and Mr. Winburn told of his splendid accomplishments in his work in New York city, freely acknowledging that he was a pupil of the professor there not only, but that he had learned to love Mr. Vining for his sterling qualities of heart and mind. Prof. Briscoe then spoke on the good work of Mr. Vining in training the boys of Ashland and told how he had inspired them to loftier ideals and nobler lives. The banquets had procured a very beautiful portable phonograph, encased in a specially constructed trunk that could be readily moved from place to place as a token of appreciation and a memento of the occasion. This was presented in a short talk by Bert R. Greer, which was most eloquently and feelingly responded to by the guest of honor. In response to a happy inference by the presenter on the bachelorhood of the guest he paid a wonderful and touching tribute to his mother, saying that he had a sweetheart eighty-three years young, one that had completely filled his desire for feminine love and whose life and encouragement had been his inspiration to press ever onward and upward in his character and work.

Then the toastmaster opened the way for story telling, first calling on E. D. Briggs to relate his marvelous but true fishing stories that have gained such wide reputation for veracity throughout Oregon. In his response he fully met the highest expectation and credibility of the company. Dan Applegate responded to the call for a story in Indian jargon, full of eloquence and wit—we guess from the gestures, which was received with a scream. Other stories were related in a happy vein, some of them by the previous speakers and the banqueters disbanded at 10:20 o'clock feeling that Ashland citizens present had well performed an exceedingly pleasant duty which had been years too long deferred.

THE SHELL COMPANY

The Shell company, who have had the paving contract of the Pacific highway around Grants Pass in Josephine county, is moving its rock crusher to Footh Creek, where it will be operated in crushing rock for operations in Jackson county. The work of closing the gap in the pavement between the Josephine county line and the pavement at Gold Hill will progress rapidly, and within a few months there will be pavement all the way from Grants Pass to the top of the Sinkytous.

PRAISE FOR AUTO CAMP IN ASHLAND

H. O. Probach, of Three Forks, Mont., has the following to say of Ashland's free auto-camp in an article on camp ground in municipalities for tourists, which appears in the Farm Exchange Bulletin, a publication issued by the Three Forks Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. Probach is secretary:

"The ideal free automobile camp ground is probably that which was constructed by the park commission at Ashland, Ore. This camp is located in a beautiful park, along a mountain stream, within easy walking distance from the business district. Their system of parking is in numbered plots, large enough for car and tent. The building of fires is prohibited so that it was necessary to construct a kitchenette, wherein a large number of two-burner gas plates were installed with an equal number of lockers. Along the stream in the shade of the tall pines and fir trees, tables and benches were built.

"The tourist driving into the camp grounds selects the spot which he desires to occupy. The plot is numbered and there is a corresponding number to the gas plate, food locker and table, so that he is the temporary sole owner of all of these during his sojourn there. The only charge made is for the gas used. The same is metered and twenty-five cents a day will furnish more gas than can be used for cooking of three meals. At 3 o'clock each afternoon the superintendent in charge, trips all of the meters, so that as much as \$50 to \$75 per month has been made by the park commission for unused gas and which money has been spent in part for the maintenance of the park.

"Thousands of tourists have camped at the Ashland, Ore., camp grounds and thousands of dollars have been spent with the merchants which otherwise they might not have received had it not been for the accommodations offered. Hundreds of electric lights are hung among the trees, so that at night it has the appearance of fairyland."

Captain D. L. Piper, Coast Artillery Corps, and Lieutenant A. K. Robinson, Infantry, U. S. Army, were in the city today as advance publicity officers for the big recruiting drive which is about to be started in this section of the state.

Three recruiting parties, commanded by Captain Bullen, Lieutenant Nelson, and Lieutenant Jackson, are in Medford now, and may be expected to visit here soon. The week beginning February 23 is scheduled for the advertising campaign in this county. The recruiting will continue in the whole United States until March 21, when these extra parties will be withdrawn, leaving only the station at Medford with one or two non-commissioned officers in this portion of the state.

The prize essay contest is nearing completion. Today (Friday) the school children all over the country will write their essays. The Ashland schools may be expected to make a good showing in the Oregon district competition, and some of the numerous splendid state prizes ought to be won by the enterprising local students.

ASHLAND MERCHANTS HAVE OFFERED PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:

First National bank, cash, \$10
Citizens bank, cash, \$10
Mr. D. Perozzi, cash, \$5
H. S. Enders & Sons, order, \$5
Vining theater, tickets, \$10
G. S. Butler, \$10

The Citizens Bank of Ashland is co-operating with the American Relief Commission for the sale of food drafts. The governments of various countries in Europe are trying to impress on America that it is food these countries want more than money. The latter is of little use where there is no food to purchase. To supply this want the American Food Administration has established warehouses in these countries where food is stored.

Any person wishing to make a gift of food to any of these destitute countries, which are Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, may get a draft at the bank for so much money. These drafts represent \$10, \$25, \$50, etc., and when the money is deposited the draft will be sent to these storehouses and buy that much worth of food. The bank handles this project without any recompense or charges on its part.

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ASHLAND BOY ON DUTY AT COBLENZ

Mrs. J. M. Heath recently received a letter from Jesse Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carpenter of this city, who writes to her from off Coblenz, Germany, where he is located with the army of occupation. This young man states he is stationed where the old Eighth infantry headquarters used to be in the Paulkenstine Kaiserens barracks, now known as a replacement barracks.

The Rhine and Moselle rivers are out of their banks, Jesse says at the time of his writing, and if they rise much higher will be in the heart of Coblenz. The statue at the forks of the Rhine and Moselle is surrounded by water.

That the residents and property owners of Ashland are vitally interested in the question of an increased water supply was fully demonstrated by the number of citizens who responded to the call of the petition which had been in circulation during the past week to place the matter before the city council and discuss means for providing an increase of water at once, or prepare for the future. The lack of the usual rainfall this winter has been the cause of concern with some of the Ashland residents, who fear that unless a supply of rain falls between now and the dry season of midsummer, the usual water supply of the city will fall short.

The reasons for the gathering of the citizens was explained in full by John H. Dill, who gave a very lucid idea of the situation, especially that concerning the owners of the smaller tracts of land lying within the confines of the city. With water for irrigation purposes, Mr. Dill explained, the resources of Ashland could be developed in a marked degree, and increase the wealth of the city many fold. He explained that, with water on the land in abundance the production of this country would be unlimited.

A. C. Joy, one of the enterprising and progressive ranchers of the Bellevue district, presented the matter from the ranchers' standpoint. The acreage men, he claimed, are seconding the citizens of Ashland in their desire for a more extended water supply, and cited the advantage this will mean for the future. This country is going to expand and develop, Mr. Joy remarked, and that very soon. People are coming here to take up the idle acres lying on the outskirts of Ashland, and an increased water supply that will afford irrigation to some extent will greatly increase the wealth of this community. Mr. Joy's theme was building for the future as well as relieving present necessities.

Mayor C. B. Lamkin spoke of the hopes of the present administration, one of the projects of which had been the erection of two dams up the canyon that would greatly facilitate the water supply. The war coming on put a stop to all improvements along this line, and since the cessation of war the scarcity of labor and increased cost of material had made this development practically an impossibility. The desire of the present board of council, however, is to increase the water supply sufficient to afford an abundance of water for domestic purposes and to supply all electric power. He called upon City Electrician F. H. Walker to give a statement of the present water system.

This, Mr. Walker outlined, is simply a water system for domestic purposes, not an irrigation system. Under ordinary conditions the system is sufficient for the purpose for which it was designated, and with the exceptions of unusually dry seasons Ashland has an exceptionally good supply. This will not answer for acreage purposes, however, and if that is what is demanded, Mr. Walker stated, it will mean an immense outlay, and necessitate the bringing of water from a great distance.

Many other citizens expressed their views and gave outlines of projects for providing an increase of water for Ashland and the surrounding community. Water Commissioner Hooper gave a statement of the present water system, and expressed his ideas of the conservation of the present supply.

In accordance with the expressions of the citizens who had signed the petition, the plans for putting this matter up to the voters of the city to express their wishes to bond the city in order to provide funds to enlarge the water system was discussed by the council and citizens gathered there last night. A large majority was in favor of the latter idea, and Mayor Lamkin instructed City Attorney Briggs to ascertain if this measure requires a special election, or if it can come to the people at the spring primaries. If the latter can be arranged, the matter of voting on bonding the city to increase the water supply will come before the voters at the primary election in May.

C. E. WORKERS HEARD REPORTS

Two interesting meetings were held in the Congregational church last evening, one starting about 4:30 and the other at 7:30, when a number of Christian Endeavor workers listened to the plans outlined by Paul Brown, field worker for California in the Christian Endeavor field. Mr. Brown arrived on the evening train from the north late yesterday afternoon, and at once began his talk to a small number of interested workers in Christian endeavor from the various societies of the city.

A good echo of the state convention was held last night at the Congregational church. Three Ashland delegates gave impressions of the convention, which was held in Pondleton for eastern Oregon and Albany for western Oregon. Over 500 delegates attended these conventions. More than \$30,000 was pledged to state work—the largest budget in its history.

Fifty-seven life work recruits pledged their lives to some form of Christian service, ministry, missionary, etc. These with the hundred or so already pledged to life service, the Comrades of the Quiet Hour, the Tenth Legionners included nearly all the delegates.

Dr. McAfee of Berkeley and Paul Brown, national J. C. E. superintendent, were the chief speakers and leaders. Miss Steinmetz, president, received the seven degrees of the C. E. College of Efficiency.

After reports, Mr. Brown gave a heart-to-heart talk on C. E. work. From his wide experience he spoke of the difficulties of engaging the young people of today in Christian service.

Work on the Talent irrigation ditch has progressed all winter with practically no interruption save that in December when the deep snow fell the middle of the month. This lasted only about a week, however, and the long continued dry spell has been just the thing to push the construction of the ditch along. The contractors have been most fortunate in this, and report now that the ditch is ready to turn the water in.

Across Bear creek a flume has been built for the lower line which is a part of the system. This will draw its water from Bear creek and covers all that tract of land lying along or near Bear creek on the south side. Later on a higher line will be put through, with water coming by flume from the Hyatt-Prairie district. This latter project will perhaps be some time before it is completed.

The advent of water in the Talent district will be of inestimable benefit to that section. While it has been projected at an enormous cost, it will pay, according to statements from those who know, even though the land under irrigation receives but one wetting a year. This, it is stated, should be delivered at exactly the proper time, and this is something ranchers will learn by experience. Farming property is already begun to be in demand in the Talent district on account of the irrigation there.

M. Fleet of Fleetwood, has accepted a position as Deputy Clerk in the sheriff's office at Lakeview. says the Silver Lake Leader. Mr. Fleet is well qualified to fill this position and Sheriff Woodcock has made a good selection. This end of the county regrets to lose Mr. and Mrs. Fleet as people of their calibre are few and far between. Mrs. Fleet will go East for a visit of a few months before she takes up her residence at Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleet were former well known and highly esteemed residents of Ashland, and their many friends here will be glad to hear from them.

Miss Jane C. Allen, state advisory nurse, is in Jackson county this week to assist in making preparations for the annual meeting of the County Public Health Association. Last September the State Board of Health created a State Bureau of Nursing to have general supervision over all the county nurses in the state. This bureau has adopted a general plan for all the county public health associations.

By this plan each community center in a county has its own community vice-president and a member on each of the committees of the association. As the nurse makes her rounds over the county, the community vice-presidents call together their local groups of committee members in frequent conferences with the nurse. These conferences are proving of mutual benefit to both communities and nurses.

It is hoped that during the coming year the Jackson County association will be able to carry on the work in this way. A good, enthusiastic attendance at next Friday's meeting would be a splendid beginning for the new year's work.

ASTORIA—Clatsop county adopts \$427,419.55 budget, \$195,000 to go on roads.