

## HEROIC FATHER SAVES FOUR AND LOSES OWN LIFE

### AUGUST BORKE PERISHES IN FLAMES AFTER RESCUING FIVE OF FAMILY

Dropped His Wife and Four Children Into Life-Saving Net from Upper Windows of Burning Home, Then Falls Back Into Furnace.

MARENGO, Ill., May 9.—Five members of a family of nine were burned to death here when fire destroyed the home of August Borke. Borke lost his life in aiding the members of his family, four of whom he saved. He had dropped his wife and infant son out of a first floor window, and wrapping his nine-year old son in a blanket, he dropped him from the second floor window. But he was unable to rescue the four other children or himself, and they dropped back into the seething furnace and perished.

### CELEBRATES ARRIVAL OF HIS TWELFTH YOUNGESTER

WEED, Calif., May 9.—When a son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Belcastro, Monday night the father was so elated that he rushed on the front porch and fired several shots from a revolver. The watchman in the vicinity thought some one was firing at him and began firing in the air. Considerable excitement was caused in the neighborhood until the true cause of the fusillade was learned. Although Belcastro is only 35 years old, and his wife some years younger, this is the twelfth child. Six are boys and six girls.

## MRS. SAMUEL CAVIN DIES AT HER HOME ON IOWA STREET

Mrs. Samuel Cavin, of 726 Iowa street, died at her home this morning at 6 o'clock, aged 63 years, 3 months and 15 days. Mrs. Cavin was born January 24, 1859, in the state of Arkansas, where she spent a share of her childhood. She moved here, with her husband, about 14 years ago, since which time she has made a host of friends who will miss her kindly face. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mountain View cemetery, where burial will take place in charge of J. P. Dodge and Sons, funeral directors.

### HOSPITAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT MEDFORD

The 102d anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, Friday, May 12, will be observed by the Sacred Heart hospital at Medford, as "hospital day." The hospital will be thrown open to the public for their inspection on that date, between 2 and 5 o'clock, and any and all questions in regard to the care and attention given patients will be gladly explained.

There will also be a program during the afternoon with a talk by Mayor Gates and music by the Medford band.

### DAIRY MEETINGS TO BE HELD LAST OF THIS WEEK

Dairy meetings will be held Friday and Saturday afternoons of this week at the dairy farms of R. E. Robinson of Ashland and I. A. Merriman near Medford. Both meetings will be in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. All interested in dairying should remember these dates.

Professor Fitz, from the O. A. C., will be the speaker of the day. The topics for discussion for these meetings will be, "Breeding and calf raising" and "Seasonal feeding."

Dairy work as well as other topics of interest to farmers will be shown at community meetings in free films this week. Tonight one of these meetings will be held at Applegate, Wednesday at Brownsboro, Thursday at Wimar, and Friday at Ruch. All of these meetings will be held in the evening at about 8 o'clock.

### M. B. MADDEN



Representative Madden, chairman of the house appropriations committee, declares that government appropriations will not be permitted to exceed government income during the coming fiscal year.

## FREAK SNOW STORM VISITS THE VALLEY

This morning, when the residents of this valley looked out of their windows, their eyes were greeted with the unusual spectacle of the whole countryside enveloped in a blanket of snow, varying from two and a half inches in the vicinity of Ashland to four inches around Eugene. In this immediate section it is not believed that any great damage has been done. The snow began in a flurry yesterday afternoon, big soft flakes falling, which melted almost as soon as they struck the ground. After sundown the fall was heavier, continuing throughout the night, but was not accompanied by any great amount of frost. By 2 o'clock this afternoon, the snow was almost a memory. Old Sol stretched out his arm of sunshine shortly after 12, and in an hour had swept away all vestige of the storm, except in the surrounding hills. To the north of us, however, in the Rogue River valley, they have not fared so well, and reports of damaged crops from heavy frosts are coming in hourly.

### PHONE SERVICE AT EUGENE INTERRUPTED BY SNOWFALL

EUGENE, May 9.—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's long distance wires were out of commission for a while today due to four inches of snowfall in the mountains between Cottage Grove and Yoncalla last night. The snow weighted guy wires so heavily that it caused poles to break, allowing the lines to sag.

### STRAWBERRIES AND OTHER FRUIT DAMAGED BY STORM

PORTLAND, May 9.—Heavy damage to fruit crops is feared in sections of Oregon, Washington and Idaho as a result of frosts last night. Baker, Or., reported a temperature of 22 degrees. The lowest May temperatures ever recorded are generally reported throughout the state, and a continuance of the cold weather is predicted.

The strawberry crop on Vancouver Island is ruined by the heavy frost, which also damaged other fruits and vegetables.

The snow, which started last night, is still falling in Bend and vicinity.

### WE HAVE FIVE LAMBS

BEND, Or., May 9.—Five lambs from one ewe, something which sheep men say is practically unknown, was reported from the Callahan brothers' ranch at Powell Butte. The phenomenon is creating considerable interest among sheep men.

### WILL MAKE TRIP EAST WITH IDEA OF LOCATING

H. T. Elmore of this city will leave soon for Chicago, from which place he will go to Maine, where he will consider an exceptional business opportunity in a line with which he was associated for many years. Should he accept the proposition, he would dispose of his shoe business here and move his family to the east.

## Convention of Federation of Women's Clubs At Grants Pass Well Attended By Ashland Delegates

By MARGARET E. DILL

The annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Federation of Women's clubs was held in Grants Pass on Saturday, attended by over 200 members. Mrs. Hair, of Grants Pass gave the address of welcome. Miss Grace Chamberlain responded, stating that "our watchword is service." And the reports from all clubs conclusively showed that the keynote of the federation is truly service, and that conservation, preservation and education of the coming generation is the most vital element in the southern Oregon woman's life program.

Mrs. Bacon, Josephine county school superintendent, gave an excellent explanation of Freud's method of psycho-analysis. Miss Faldine, Jackson county health nurse, detailed the work she is accomplishing.

The Grants Pass ladies served a delicious luncheon.

Mrs. Ida B. Callahan, state president, brought a message of inspiration for effort by telling of past accomplishments. She said in part: "United effort cannot fail, with two million women in 49,000 clubs. I am startled at the illiteracy in our own state of Oregon and am determined to hunt out one illiterate and teach that one that I may feel I have done my bit. At Chautauqua this summer I shall speak of the working power of women, their power to build libraries, to build health in the schools. Service is our keynote. Every link in the federation chain counts. Every time a county is made stronger our state is made stronger. We, in Corvallis, and our county, seem to thrive on getting in debt. We do everything that is honorable to make money. I believe it pays to get in debt because then everybody gets interested and works to get out."

### ALL-DAY MISSIONARY MEETING AT CHURCH

The ladies of the Christian church held an all-day missionary meeting last Friday at the church. After a splendid program in the forenoon, a dainty luncheon was served at 12.

Mrs. James Putnam, of Holly street had charge of the table decorations, and the color scheme of pink and white was carried out beautifully. The local women who were on the program for the afternoon were: Mrs. Catherine Morrison, Mrs. Will Hedrick, Mrs. Laura Rowley, Mrs. D. N. Davis, Miss Mary Benedict, Mrs. Ruby Harvey, Mrs. W. L. Headley and Mrs. Josephine Champe.

Following short talks and papers by these ladies, Mrs. Kendall, from McMinnville, conducted the round table, receiving numerous answers to the problem, "How to make a missionary meeting most interesting." Following the round table discussion, Mrs. Kendall delivered an excellent talk on the subject, "The needs of the home lane." Mrs. Kendall is a missionary "mother" with beautiful white hair and has a sweet face and attractive delivery. She does a big work among missionary women as she travels from place to place. She left Saturday morning for Klamath Falls.

### ANDERSON TOWN HALL BURNED AT EARLY HOUR

ANDERSON, Calif., May 8.—Incendiarism is suspected here today in the destruction by fire of the old I. O. O. F. building, just off the main street, used since the Odd Fellows lodge here dissolved as a town hall and gathering place for community events.

The blaze, still smoldering today started at 2 a. m., the same hour as the fire which destroyed the yard of the Anderson Lumber company, two weeks ago. Authorities here express the belief the same parties may be responsible for both fires.

### LESS WHEAT IS PLANTED THIS YEAR THAN LAST

WASHINGTON, May 9.—On May 1, the area of winter wheat to be harvested was 5,445,000 acres (14.5 per cent) less than the acreage that was planted last year, the department of agriculture has announced.

"Clubs are outgrowths of sewing circles, then literary societies, now broadened to civic service. There is only one thing I have seen women balk at, and that is jury duty. Let's serve. I've been rather anxious to serve. I don't believe women are slack in voting—that is a duty; so is jury service. Last year my goal was 10,000 state membership. We have over that. No, I want 20,000. We have started an endowment fund of \$21,000, starting with \$1000 last year. I think district meetings ideal and would like to have six districts in the state."

Mrs. Louise Perozzi ably explained the citizenship bill for married women.

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, chairman of child welfare, told of service to children in the state. The law providing for care of crippled children which was made possible by the united efforts of the federation, is giving relief to hundreds of children. The law provides that anyone interested in a crippled child, if that one can get consent of the parents, the child may be sent to the hospital in Portland, where every care will be given it free of charge, if the parents are in poverty.

Mrs. Van Sant, a club woman of Portland, is said to contribute more time than any woman in the state for childhood, and she personally looks after the children who are sent to this hospital. The mother's aid law, which has since become the widow's pension law, was first drafted in 1911 and passed in 1913, due to the united efforts of the Parent-Teachers association. The service being rendered to mothers and children over the state is marvelous in its educational scope, Mrs. Dunbar stated. She closed her address with this thought: "What does it profit the child if he learns the whole curriculum and loses his health? The world has come to know that the whole child goes to school."

## Annual Assembly of Chautauqua May 24 to 29

The thirtieth annual assembly of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua association will be held in Ashland May 24 to 29 inclusive in the Chautauqua auditorium. The program this year will be supplied by the Ellison-White bureau, and this association has a program that is well-spoken of by all who are interested in matters of this kind. Ellison-White have acquired considerable experience in this line and have finally found the popular medium of clean entertainment and instruction that will appeal to the patrons.

The expense of the program was guaranteed by 107 citizens of Ashland, who signed the contract necessary to produce this program on the dates named. The guarantors have held two meetings for the purpose of organizing and advertising and promoting a general acquaintance of the public with this entertaining and instructive six days course. The literature will begin going forth this week, and a campaign for the sale of season tickets has been organized and will be put into operation at once.

The building committee of the Chautauqua association are also active with plans that will improve the acoustic arrangements in the center of the assembly hall and announcements along this line will soon be in readiness.

### CONSCIENCE-STRIKEN OVER TWELVE-YEAR-OLD THEFT

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 9.—Bothered by his conscience for 12 years, a Sacramento contractor walked into the local division office of the Southern Pacific company a few days ago and gave the company a check for \$15 in payment for tools which he appropriated to his own use while tearing down a building on the company's lines in 1909.

### WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

REDDING, Calif., May 9.—Mrs. Flora I. Braynard, widow of Charles H. Braynard, has entered the field as a candidate for justice of the peace in Redding township. Mrs. Braynard has had considerable legal training. Assemblyman A. F. Ross is also a candidate.

### NEWLYWEDS ARE ROPED AND LED TO NEW HOME

BEND, Or., May 9.—Rev. J. Edgar Purdy, pastor of the Methodist church, tied a hard tight knot when he united L. V. Ough and Miss Fannie Moore in marriage at the parsonage Saturday night, but their friends supplemented the bonds of matrimony by tying them together with a long rope and they were led through the streets of the business section for a half hour before the party, under the leadership of Kenneth Helm, Howard Sellars, Al Lattin and Harvey Dunn, finally escorted them to their new home.

### BODY OF MISSING MAN FOUND IN RIVER

REDDING, Calif., May 9.—Following the discovery of the body of a man in the Sacramento river at a point near the Shasta county hospital opposite the Michael Leonardini ranch, it was regarded as pretty sure the body was that of John Bez, son-in-law of Leonardini, who has been missing for a week.

The body was discovered by Charles Cerro, who had gone to the river to obtain a drink of water.

### AGED COUPLE DIE THREE DAYS APART

The deaths of Mr. and Mrs. John Nichols came three days apart. The wife, aged 72, passed away Wednesday evening. The husband, John Nichols, was not able to attend her funeral. He lingered three days and passed away shortly after midnight Saturday, at Redding.

The venerable couple lived at Durham, Butte county, for over 30 years before coming to Redding eight years ago.

### DRESSES AND WHISKERS VIE FOR DAYS OF '49 PRIZES

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 9.—Two of the most unique contests ever scheduled will terminate during the Days of '49 celebration in Sacramento, May 23-28. One will be a fashion event, with prizes to be awarded to the women who appear in the most characteristic Days of '49 gowns. The other—a whisker-growing contest. On March 17, scores of Sacramento men, starting with a smooth face, entered a race to see who could grow the most whiskers by May 24. Both events will be judged in public.

### EVA PAINTS SIGNS



Miss Eva La Rose of Lawrence, Mass., gave up "slinging dishes" as a waitress, to sling paint. She is now a crackerjack in the art, and is said to be the only girl sign painter in New England.

## LARGE CLASS TO GRADUATE FROM LOCAL HI SCHOOL

It is the opinion of some people that Ashland is not growing these days, but a look through the schools would convince the most obstinate doubter that the city is growing by leaps and bounds.

The high school is growing equally as fast as the grade schools, the assembly room now being almost full to capacity. The largest graduating class from the high school previous to this year was 53 in the spring of 1920. This year will see an increase of nearly one-third over that year, there being a total of 74 graduates on the roster as it is now made up, though it may be short of this number at graduation time as some of the students must make up a few points before the end of the semester in order to complete the course.

Following is a complete list of the graduates:

Velta Ackley, Delpha Allen, Allen Autrey, Fay Beebe, Everett Bell, Alan Brower, Thelma Bond, Ethel Bryan, Katie Buchanan, Lee Bussey, Verner Carson, Esther Church, Claudine Cox, Paul Culbertson, Mildred Culy, Lucy Davis, Herbert Doran, Marjorie Edson, Mamie Evans, Ruth Filfield, Raymond Finneran, Dorothy Furlan, Veda Griffith, Albert Guthrie, Glenn Hale, Frieda Hanson, Helen Harrell, Thelma Heer, Leslie Heer, Harry Hill, Pearl Hodgkinson, Florence Hoover, Maurice Jais, Alta Jarvis, Otis Johnson, Beth Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Margaret Johnson, Frederic Koehler, Margaret McCoy, Marjorie McElvaney, Harland McWilliams, Delbert Mitchell, Margarite Moore, Harry Morris, Russel Overacker, Marjorie Payne, Lucille Perozzi, Cassius Perrinne, Leonard Pettit, Lolita Pierson, Pauline Plummer, Alta Powell, Ethel Powell, Flora Putnam, Viola Quinn, Lourdes Raine, Elton Ramsey, Edith Robinson, Harriet Ruger, Irma Sanford, Harriet Sayles, Ethel Smith, Earl Snyder, Ross Taylor, Caroline Tilton, Mable Trott, Erle Turner, Lester Weisenberger, Webster Wertz, Francis Winters, Harriet Wolcott, Harvey Woods, Dale Young.

### BUSINESS MEN FIND VOLLEY BALL ENJOYABLE

The regular bunch of volley ball bounds were out at the high school gymnasium Tuesday night. In spite of the fact that the approach of warm weather would seem to indicate that the indoor season is about at an end, the enthusiasts continue to come out in force to play this "buzzy business man's" game. Along with what Walter Camp calls the "daily dozen" exercises, four of five sets of volley ball give the average man a full evening of strenuous exercise. Anyone who fails to get the reaction sometimes vulgarly called "sweat" by certain of those un-speakables outside polite society, has only himself to blame.

For more than a year this class has been continued twice a week, with the exception of the warmest growing contest. On March 17, scores of Sacramento men, starting with a smooth face, entered a race to see who could grow the most whiskers by May 24. Both events will be judged in public.

Medford also has a fast bunch which occasionally meets the Ashland team for a series. This form of activity is fostered by the county Y. M. C. A.

## STRIKERS ARE RETURNING TO WORK IN MILLS

### BOX FACTORIES HAVE RESUMED OPERATIONS ON A NINE-HOUR BASIS

Report That Union Men Have Practically Given Up the Fight and That Klamath Falls Factories Will Start Operations Next Week.

DORRIS, Calif., May 9.—The strike of box factory workers which has paralyzed the lumber industry here since March 1, ended with the resumption of operations today by the Associated Lumber & Box company and the Dorris Lumber & Box company plants. The factories resumed on a nine-hour day basis.

The end of the strike was unanimously voted Saturday evening by the strikers, following a meeting attended by citizens, operators and strikers.

About forty men are working today, but it is believed the plants soon will be operating at capacity when the former employes who left this region when the strike called, return. A report is current here that an attempt will be made this week to operate the plants at Klamath Falls.

The ending of the strike is taken to mean that the local strikers, who became members of the International Timberworkers' union at the outset of the strike, have given up the fight as a hopeless proposition, and relinquished all connection with the Klamath Falls labor organization.

## TEDDIE PROVOST DROPPED DEAD AT BREAKFAST TABLE

Theodore Provost, a well-known Ashland man, dropped dead this morning at 5 o'clock while eating breakfast at Dunsmuir, where he has been employed for the last two months.

He had written to a sister in Ashland about two weeks ago, stating that he had been very sick, but had recovered and was all right at that time, and it seems no direct word as to the state of his health had come to his relatives since that time. Ray Minkler was in Dunsmuir Wednesday of his week and talked to Mr. Provost at that time, and he seemed in his usual health, and nothing was said about feeling ill.

Mr. Provost was born in Montreal, Canada, in October of 1852, and came to Ashland with his parents about 20 years ago, and has lived here since that time. He has been in the employ of the Southern Pacific for several years.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Henry Provost, who is living at Weed, Calif., has gone to Dunsmuir and will bring the body to Ashland, where it will be laid to rest in the family lot in the Ashland cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed at time of going to press and will be announced later.

### FIRST SNOW IN SIXTY YEARS ON THIS DATE

The snow flurries of today are the first to have fallen in Ashland on this date for 60 years, according to Mrs. A. H. Russell, of North Main street, who has lived here almost continuously since she was married on May 9, 1854. On her wedding anniversary in 1852, Mrs. Russell says, there was six inches of snow fell all over the valley, and a foot in the mountains.

### WEDNESDAY CLUB WILL MEET IN CHURCH PARLORS

The Wednesday afternoon club of the Presbyterian church will be entertained this week in the church parlors by Mesdames Ross, Moore and Stevens. Miss Agnes Danford will be present and will give her experiences as a teacher in the government schools in Alaska, which will be well worth while. All members of the club and women of the congregation are invited to attend.