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The World's Loss

The accident which took the lives of Will Rogers and Wiley Post is so deeply and widely regretted that there can be no doubt of the esteem and honor held for them not only in the hearts of their own countrymen, but in the hearts of the people even to the far corners of the world.

Will Rogers was humanity's friend. He was of the rugged type of commoner that reminded one of Abraham Lincoln, who said that God must have loved the common people, because he made so many of them. Success and wealth did not spoil him. He did not become proud nor arrogant nor selfish. Just plain Will Rogers, preaching the gospel of clean humor along with sound and sensible philosophy, and loving everybody.

His life was a sermon, a living pattern for young and old. He came from the ranks of the lowly, attained high rank and fame in his chosen calling, yet never lost the dream of lowly days. He will be missed as never a man has been missed for generations.

And Wiley Post, Daring, intrepid, cool, reticent, hero of the stratosphere and solo flyer around the world. He had troubles, but they never daunted him. Fame always found him busy seeking some new aerial difficulty to surmount. Pioneer of progress, his name and his fame will survive the ravages of time.

Will and Wiley, philosopher and pilot. Friends they were here, and friends they are over yonder. In the heart of our hearts their memory lingers though their spirits, winged for vaster flight, have passed to the realms of tearless joy.

Modernization Loans

Insured loans for the repair and modernization of homes and business properties, and purchase of eligible equipment, under the modernization credit plan of the Federal Housing administration, showed substantial increase in number and volume in Jackson county during the two weeks ending August 10. The reports come from the FHA headquarters office in Portland.

Jackson county banks and other lending institutions reported a total of 149 insured loans, an increase of 32 during the two weeks preceding that date. Total amount of loans was approximately \$44,490.

These figures include only loans reported by banks and building and loan associations. Finance companies, it is estimated, are lending about 20 per cent of the money borrowed in Oregon under the modernization credit plan. A check of modernization projects in Multnomah has disclosed that about \$8 has been expended in cash for such projects for every \$1 of insured loans. That would bring the total of loans to 175 or more and the total outlay for improvements to around \$475,000 for the county.

Medford banks and lending associations have re-

ported 139 insured loans for a total of approximately \$43,000, as of August 10.

Ashland boosters are also pushing a move to increase home modernization, as well as the building of new homes. Considerable activity is expected in the building line during the autumn.

Profiteer Disgusted

Howard C. Hopson, big profiteer of the holding company racket, admitted to the senate lobby committee that he and his family have made millions of dollars of profit. He also admitted that during at least half of the time those enormous profits were piling up, the utility system under him was not paying any dividends to stockholders.

The fat magnate of big business was disgusted to think that any committee of congress should presume to investigate his business methods. He seemed to feel bigger than the U. S. congress, bigger than the president of the U. S., bigger than the U. S. itself. But he came down a notch or two when threatened with contempt proceedings.

Hopkins admitted that he and his family had drawn profits from the Associated Gas and Electric system amounting to \$3,187,000 from 1929 to 1933 inclusive. His total profits from 1926 to 1933, it was disclosed by Senator Schwellenbach of the senate committee, amounted to \$13,000,000.

Rugged individualists like Hopson feel insulted when they are called to account on their financial methods. Their attitude is that the government has no right to interfere. They are "monarchs of all they survey," sort of superior beings who feel about business the same way the old time monarchs felt about the divine right of kings.

The New Deal has done many fine things. And while doing those things it has found time to make real investigations and exposures of the methods of business buccaneers.

Hundred Per Cent Pure

The bad taste you noticed in the city water for several days was caused by algae, which being interpreted means a sort of aggregated accumulation of mossy growth at the bottom of the reservoir. Something like the old timers used to find in and on the "moss covered bucket which hung in the well."

Old "Algy" tasted bitter, but otherwise was perfectly innocent of harm. Scientific tests showed the good old Ashland mountain water continued to be a hundred per cent pure, despite the antics of "Al" and his gang. But during those few days the lithia fountains were busy overtime.

Ashland's lithia and other mineral springs are a source of delight and refreshment to the tourists as well as to the home folks. If some towns owned such wonderful springs the world would be told about it in a big way.

Supports Townsend Plan

Congressman James W. Mott of the first Oregon district announced recently that he is heartily in favor of the Townsend plan and will support it to the best of his ability.

This is not a new stand for Congressman Mott on the plan, however, as he supported the McGroarty bill in congress both by argument and vote. He states that he has studied the plan and finds it sound.

It is refreshing to his constituents when a member of congress announces plainly just how he stands on any question of the day. Too many would be statesmen make equivocal remarks that may be variously interpreted and that may mean something, anything, or nothing.

The Townsend pension plan movement is strongly organized and is gaining in strength and prestige. When congress convenes in January the bill will again be up for hearing. No compromise measure should be tolerated. The Townsend supporters should insist on the real article and spurn "something just as good."

SONS Close Down Till Fall Session

Southern Oregon Normal School is today closing its doors to those seeking a little insight into the fleeting face of knowledge, according to word. Exams have been conducted the past week whereby professors may have some means of determining the percentage of students who will receive passing grades.

Many of the instructors have

'HURDLE'

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C. of C. To Install Retail Credit Bureau

Ashland is quite definitely scheduled to have a credit bureau established, to be handled through the Chamber of Commerce it was decided at a chamber meeting Monday noon.

The proposed system will be worked out whereby the merchants will have protection on their retail credit business. All those now doing credit business will be listed and filed in the Chamber office from which stores may garner information regarding any customer requesting credit.

Unanimous approval of the project was given by the directors who pointed out that no way exists, at the present time, for all business and professional men here to learn of local credit standings.

LEFT FOR BEND

Ben H. Gibson, agent for the California-Western States Life Insurance company, left this morning to cover the territory around Bend and expects to be gone close to two weeks. Upon his return he will spend a few days taking care of business here, and then will work around Lakeview. He may be working the three localities every month, but holding his residence in Ashland.

● Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Milner, Mrs. L. M. Buzzell, and W. B. Howard of Richmond, Calif., are the guests for several days of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weagant of Valley View.

● B. C. Forsythe, high-school principal, at present studying advance work at the University of Oregon, spent the week-end in Ashland with his family.

outlined vacation plans for the balance of the summer season. Some are planning on attending the San Diego exposition; others journeying halfway across the continent to visit relatives and others staying here to catch up on their home work.

Leave Soon For Eastern Colleges

Two Ashland women, Madge Marean of Iowa street and Miss Adena Joy of the Bellevue district are leaving either on September 6 or the 11th for Galveston Texas where they will go by boat to New York. They are entering eastern colleges.

Miss Marean has been tendered a fellowship at Boston university where she will take up her studies for her masters degree in English. She is a June, 1935 graduate from Willamette where she did remarkable work.

Miss Joy is entering Pendle Hill Academy where she will work for her masters degree. She has been working on the office force at Oregon State College at Corvallis.

They will make the trip with Miss Betty Steele of Portland, who is entering Columbia University.

Talent Had A Time With A Large Bear

Charley Talent, Ashland's able Chief of Police, had an experience. With a bear.

It seems that Charley in company with Guy Applewhite motored to Anne Spring CCC camp where he was to serve a warrant for arrest. Arriving there they had a splendid dinner in company with the camp's officers.

Following the sumptuous dinner, Charley strolled through the adjacent woods admiring the scenery and wearing off the effects of his huge meal. Strolling along the trail, hemmed in by immense trees, he started to go between a couple of exceptionally large conifers.

And around the other side stepped a bear. Charley looked, but not long; he jumped ... many feet. With skillful dodging he eluded the monster, who must have stood six feet at the shoulders, according to Charley, and made his way to camp.

He was asked on his return if he had seen the camp's pet bear—he (the bear) seemed to have wandered off.

Talent had previously wondered what he would do if he ever encountered a bear in the woods. Now he knows.

● Mrs. Spencer Radcliffe left recently for Harlan, where she is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Zib, her parents, for a month.

Maybe I'm Wrong

YOU'RE GOING IN THE
WRONG DIRECTION. RYE
IS 92 MILES NORTH

YOU'RE HEADED THE
WRONG WAY FOLKS.
PLYMOUTH LIES OFF IN
THAT DIRECTION ABOUT
22 MILES



City's Water Supply Now Pure and Tasty

Ashland's drinking water is now almost up to its old standard of purity and taste, due to the action of the city water department.

The first of the week, people tasting the water had taken in a couple of large sips, then with a wry grin stated "My it's good." The majority have been maintaining the bodily water content by drinking beer or Lithia water. Few have taken much of the drinking water in large quantities.

Origin of the peculiar taste was due to the large and slow moving body of water held behind the sturdy shoulders of Reeder Gulch dam in which a moss or "algae" had grown. This mossy growth had permeated the water and given it an unusual if not pleasant taste and odor.

It is impossible to remove this taste from the water except by aeration. Water is now picked up by twin tubes which suck up nearly all of the two streams which run into the dam. This is free moving water. Water from the reservoir is spilled down the creek bed and later picked up in another intake. This provides and creates an aerated water for Ashland.

The power house however is not receiving enough water from the dam to supply the city with electricity. To offset this loss of current, the city has had to increase its current supply by buying it from the California-Oregon Power Company.

All taste from the water will be removed by the time the present water supply is drained from the city mains.

● Mrs. W. M. Dodge returned to Ashland Saturday from Seattle where she was recently called by the death of her father.

● Mr. and Mrs. C. A. White and family spent several days this week on the coast, enjoying fishing and camping.

CITY CANNERY STARTS SAT'DY.

The Ashland cannery will start on its initial run of tomato juice tomorrow morning, according to Ralph Koozer, manager of the plant.

It is likely that approximately two months will be spent on the tomato run if weather conditions maintain proper ripening conditions for the tomatoes.

The full run of the pack will not really get under way until the middle or latter part of next week, states Koozer. From the indications it would seem as if this year's tomato crop will be an exceedingly good one both from the standpoint of the quantity and the quality of the crop.

About 150 people will be employed when the plant gets into full operation.

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