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Let's All Get Together

At an election to be held some time in the near future the citizens of Ashland will decide whether or not they want a new, modern, efficient sewage disposal plant.

The Federal government offers to provide 55 per cent of the total cost, which is eighty thousand dollars. The cost to the city would be forty-four thousand dollars.

There should be no question as to the results of the election to vote bonds for this much needed civic improvement. The present system is archaic and inadequate. The septic tanks are old and would soon need replacement.

There may be still other improvements that Ashland needs. The writer is not yet familiar enough with the situation to judge. But if there are, they should be put across as rapidly as possible. Cities can't stand still. They either go forward or backward.

The chamber of commerce of course is the clearing house for all boost activities. But don't leave it all to a few members of that organization. Every civic society in the city should cooperate.

The banquet to be held soon by the chamber of commerce is a good move. But why not have a luncheon or dinner meeting once a week? Getting together and briefly discussing topics for the growth and development and improvement of the city would accomplish wonders.

Team work is great stuff. No city can go ahead without cooperation among its citizens. Getting together often would help to promote better team work.

President Raps "Tories"

President Roosevelt found time a few days ago to deal out a few sharp raps at what he termed

● Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carner left early on Wednesday for their home in Long Beach following a week's visit here with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cook.

● Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Potter and son left on Wednesday for their home in Los Angeles, after several days spent in Ashland with Mrs. Mary Potter and Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Potter.

● Miss Rachel Forsythe left on Thursday for Camas Valley where she is to teach in the primary grades for the coming school year.

● Mrs. F. E. Keller left Thursday for Salem and Corvallis where she will visit mainly with her sister, Mrs. Bertha Compton in Salem.

● Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan went to the coast on Wednesday for a ten day camping and fishing trip.

"tories" and "reactionaries."

"Rules are not necessarily sacred—principles are," he said. "The methods of the old order are not, as some would have you believe, above the challenge of youth."

Hitting again and again at those he said were "united in standing still on the same old spot," he spoke in general terms of a need to improve social conditions, health and security, financial and economic machinery and government.

"Let us carry on the good that the past gave us. The best of that good is the spirit of America. And the spirit of America is the spirit of enquiry, of readjustments, of improvement, above all a spirit in which youth can find the fulfillment of its ideals."

"The rules that govern the relationship between an employer and an employee in the blacksmith's shop in the days of Washington," he said, "cannot of necessity, govern the relationship between the 50,000 employees of a great corporation and the infinitely complex and diffused ownership of the corporation."

Building Increases

The month of June showed a 228 pct. increase over the same month last year in the number of permits issued throughout the country for new home building. June showed the greatest activity of any month since 1931 and financial authorities predict further increases during the remaining months of the year. Much of the activity is attributed to growing popularity of the complete home financing plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

The record made by the recent session of Congress was good or bad, according to your way of thinking. If you think the way Hoover and Mills and Fish think, you'll think it was very, very bad.

At least the world has due notice that America is determined to be neutral if war breaks out in the old country. It will be a hard job but maybe it can be done.

Some booster complains that Jackson county should get back its tourist travel. Lots of tourists travel as far as Ashland and you can't blame them for camping overtime in the city park.

"One thing that has handicapped Oregon," says Governor Martin, "is too much Portland. We have only one city, and that is one reason why we have not grown as has Washington. But we're going to grow. And let me assure you that growth will not be for the glory of Salem or Willamette valley. There are other portions of the state besides the Willamette valley."

The Lane county Pomona Grange adopted a resolution deploring the six thousand dollars pension granted W. J. Kerr upon his retirement as Oregon's higher educational chancellor. We hope the idea will grow. Too many pensions already to prominent civilians who don't need pensions.

A CCC enrollee has been described as just a stomach, surrounded by curiosity and a pair of dungarees.

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AIR SQUADRON SPENDS WEEK IN MANEUVERS

Bombers Camp At Medford Airport; Test Flights Are Made

Thirty-three officers and 100 men of the 31st Bombardment Squadron made the Medford airport their temporary base for a week, August 19 to 24, and carried on extensive bombing maneuvers in Oregon and northern California.

Major Deveraux M. Myers, commander of the service department, and Major Harold D. Smith, commander of the flying squadron, were here for the entire week, while Lieut. Colonel C. L. Tinger, group commander at Hamilton field, the squadron's base, spent two days here.

Nine big Martin bombers were flown during the week, with the maneuvers taking them as far north as Salem, Oregon, and as far south as Dunsmuir, California. A banquet was staged in Medford for the officers of the squadron, and all the officers and men were guests of the chamber of commerce and the CCC headquarters at the weekly wrestling matches in the armory.

While the bombing maneuvers supplied the more spectacular features of the week's encampment, the real purpose of the tests here was to give the service department an opportunity to test the new field duty logistics and plans.

Thousands of people of this area visited the airport during the week's stay of the bombing squadron and were made familiar with the Army's air corps.

LAKE O' WOODS FIRE SUBDUED

Six hundred men from nine 3-C camps succeeded in putting under control a 700-acre forest fire southeast of Lake O' the Woods after battling the fast spreading blaze for three days.

The fire, of unknown origin, in a matted area of winter-killed snow brush, swept through scrub timber and brush and at no time endangered valuable timber, summer homes or other property.

The South Fork camp was in charge of feeding and supplying the big crew.

Diamond Lake Is Mountain Paradise

DIAMOND LAKE—The enrollees of Co. 1990 have plenty of recreational facilities at their disposal in their summer quarters at Camp Diamond Lake. With beautiful Diamond Lake nearby to furnish fishing and swimming and with vast old Mt. Bailey and slender Mt. Thielsen to climb, the men have anything but dull week ends. Horseback riding has a host of followers, with horses being rented at the Lodge. So popular is riding becoming that Capt. Murray is organizing a riding class to teach the boys some of the finer points of the equestrian art.

The management of Diamond Lake Lodge permits enrollees from the camp to use their tennis court at any time, and several men take advantage of their generosity. Horseshoes, too, is a great pastime in camp, and a big tournament is just being completed. A newly laid out Volleyball Court is also getting more than its share of attention.

In addition to all the sports facilities in and around camp, a recreation trip is sponsored each week to either a nearby city or some natural beauty spot. To date, recreation trips have been made to Medford, Crater Lake, Lemolo Falls, Klamath Falls and Crater Lake again, in the order named. Time is slipping away all too quickly, and the men of this company are regretting the day when 1990 will have to leave its mountain paradise.

Brad's Bit O' Verse

By CLEM BRADSHAW

ROOM AT THE TOP

We look at the ladder so high and so steep
And we want to go up to the top;
So we tackle the job with a jubilant leap—
But we hit the hard ground with a flop.
It isn't so easy to climb as we thought;
It will take some hard work after all;
Those fellows up there must have struggled and fought,
And they must have had many a fall.

"Come on up," says the guy who arrived long ago;
"You belong to a loftier sphere;
Don't stay with a gang that is sleepy and slow—
Come on up—there is room for you here."
So we try it again—we climb up rung by rung
Till we perch near the uppermost round;
But the toil makes us tired, by the fates we are stung,
And we long for the crowd on the ground.

There is room at the top, and the top is sublime;
But it seems mighty lonesome up there,
And we don't like to think of the wearisome climb,
Of the worry and trouble and care.
We look at the ladder so steep and so high,
Looming lofty, majestic and proud.
"There is room for the man who will scale it," we sigh—
But most of us follow the crowd.

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Enrollee Becomes Watch Repairman By Correspondence

WIMER—Spare time in the CCC rightly used really does pay dividends as witness the case of James Nutter, member at Jack Creek camp, Wimer's principal side camp.

Nutter will some day be a watch repairman. He likes miniature mechanics.

Before he came into the CCC, Nutter had no instruction in watch repairing, but he had even then shown a disposition to remove the complicated innards of watches to see what made the wheels go round.

In the CCC, he took a course in watch repairing from the Oregon State library. Miss Harriet C. Long has been filling the needs of studious CCC members since the CCC began. She knew exactly what Nutter needed in the way of books. Miss Long is state librarian.

The result is that Nutter, using a soldering iron, a file and a jack-knife for tools has repaired more than 30 watches for his Jack Creek comrades. Among other difficult jobs, he filed down an Ingersoll mainspring and made it serve to drive the wheels of an Elgin watch.

Having run out of major repair jobs, Nutter recently made a trick watch, the dials (there are two of them) of which revolve instead of the hands.

Somebody may come along one of these days with a job for Nutter in a watch repair shop. If they do he will be ready to take it.

Fire caused a 50 per cent loss to a residence at 28 Morton street Sunday night. The property is owned by W. M. Van Dyke and the cause of the fire is not known. It is believed to have started in a wood closet at the rear of the house.

● Marion Frost was recently called to Portland by the death of an aunt, Mrs. J. C. Elrod, with whom he had made his home for several years.

● Miss Ellen Galey who has spent the summer employed in Palo Alto, arrived in Ashland on Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Galey, for two weeks before returning to her studies at the University of Iowa.

A light but refreshing shower Wednesday evening put a crimp on the heat wave and was greeted with delight. And the heat wave wasn't so hot at that. It only reached 92 degrees, which would seem quite cool in some of the really warm states.

Among the many districts in the national forests now closed subject to permit because the fire danger is believed too great to allow unrestricted travel, is the 12,985 acres district in the Ashland creek watershed.

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