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SPRING ARRIVES IN ASHLAND WITH BALMY BREEZES

ALTHOUGH March still may depart like an irritable feline, the advent of spring, Tuesday, March 21, in Ashland found the weather man dishing out his best grade summertime zephyrs. For more than a week skies have been clear with temperatures ranging from 40 degrees at night to 77 in the afternoons.

Buds, blossoms, white shoes and midday languor have made an appearance in the city and Weather Observer Louis Dodge declared that Ashland's official spring climate has been "unusual." "Generally we get a spell of balmy weather during February, but more often March is a month of considerable rain," said Dodge.

Although rain and snowfall since the first of the year have been about normal, 10 straight days have passed without clouds. Last week-end saw a record number of visitors in Lithia park and restaurant, ice cream parlor and service station operators dug out their rush-business smiles Sunday. Jackson Hot springs, north of the city limits, was host to a large number of swimmers as the result of spring's warm greeting in southern Oregon.

Music Club To Give Spring Harmony At Civic Hall Monday

Starting at 8 p. m. March 27, the Ashland Music club will give a benefit performance of varied springtime charm and harmony at the Civic club house under the direction of Marjorie Scobert, for the purpose of raising funds for national and state federation dues.

Feature of the affair will be a spring fashion show presented by Fortmiller's department store, following which refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Shaw Buys Bank Building in Ashland

Dr. Mattie B. Shaw this week completed purchase of the Citizen's bank building at the corner of East Main and First streets from the state superintendent of banks. The cash transaction was for an unnamed amount.

The building included fixtures of the old Citizens bank, and is located in the heart of the business district. The second floor is occupied by offices of Dr. Shaw, Dr. C. F. Tilton, L. A. Roberts, the Lithia beauty shop and one apartment.

Dr. Shaw has announced extensive improvements to the building, which was purchased as an "investment."

Hilt Mill Operations Start With 180 Men

Starting Thursday, March 25, the Fruit Growers Supply company mill in Hilt, Calif., started cutting operations on a 35-hour basis with about 180 men returning to work following a winter layoff.

Although the box factory has been operating five days a week, the mill itself depends on logging operations, which will get under way within a few weeks, weather permitting. The mill will cut logs now in pond and then go on a full-time basis when new logs start coming in.

FIRE IS SNUFFED
A fire of undetermined origin at the Pine Box company plant early Monday was extinguished before city fire equipment arrived on the scene. Flames, starting under the mill floor, did no damage.

IS FINED HERE
Alfred Ferdinand Feoria, Medford, was fined \$2.50 and \$4.50 costs by Judge M. T. Burns here Monday on a state police complaint that he had failed to stop before entering the Pacific highway near Jackson Hot springs.

Albert C. Joy and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner
To See Their Choice of the Following Varsity Theater Programs:
(Friday, Saturday)
"FLIRTING WITH FATE"
plus "MR. MOTO'S LAST WARNING" and
WALT DISNEY CARTOON
(Sunday, Monday)
"THANKS FOR EVERYTHING"
(Starting Tuesday)
"WINGS OF THE NAVY"
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

ANNUAL CHAMBER COMMERCE DINNER TOPS ALL RECORDS

THE annual Ashland Chamber of Commerce banquet, held last night, March 23, in the Lithia hotel ballroom, drew a record attendance of 138 diners to hear Gov. Charles Sprague as the main speaker of the evening. Chamber President C. M. Litwiler presided, while other speakers were H. L. Claycomb and Irving E. Vining, who introduced Governor Sprague.

The banquet was presaged by an informal noonday luncheon of C of C directors and other townspeople with Governor Sprague in the Plaza cafe.

Governor Sprague talked generally on state affairs and pointed out that Oregon's financial condition is good and the state is in a position to move ahead. He declared that, although the legislative session was of record length, final results were commendable. He praised Jackson county members of the legislature, and pointed out that steadfast refusal to streamline legislative processes was largely to blame for the lengthy and sometimes dawdling session.

Sprague dealt at length with the social security problem in the state and how it necessitated a search for new sources of tax revenues. However, the governor concluded, future prospects for Oregon are very bright.

Claycomb, in his talk, outlined his reasons for having selected Ashland for his home, and explained the wide scope and importance of the automobile industry to the nation.

Other features on the program, all of which were well received, included a trumpet solo by Ted Marshall, accompanied by Phyllis Miller; organ numbers by Lucille Knox and Jack Merritt; accordion solo by Joan Whitmore; motion picture, "New Oregon Trails" by the travel and information bureau of the state highway department, and colored motion pictures of "Beauty Spots of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland."

SHELL COMPANY BUILDING NEW STATION HERE

CONSTRUCTION work on a new \$9650 modern service station started this week at the corner of East Main and Third streets with J. D. Mars, owner of the lot, as builder. The Shell Oil company has obtained a 10-year lease on the property, which is said to be planned as one of the "finest stations in the state."

Completion was set for about seven weeks, according to Lou Rogers, manager of the Shell company's present station at the corner of East Main and Second streets, which will be dismantled on completion of the new project.

The new station, measuring 29 by 54 by 26 feet, will be of reinforced concrete in a single unit, housing sales office, sales room, restrooms and lubricating room. The station will occupy the entire corner formerly used by a Standard Oil company station and the old Vendome hotel, and will front on both angles of East Main and Third streets. Yard will be covered with an asphaltic-concrete surface.

Labor will be furnished by the oil company, while Mars will finance material and equipment purchases, he said.

Drunken Driver Gets \$50 Rebuke by Judge

Howard Oswald Dodson, Klamath Falls, Monday was fined \$50 and \$4.50 costs by Justice of the Peace M. T. Burns on a charge of drunken driving filed on complaint of Earl A. Hamilton, whose truck Dodson is said to have sideswiped on south Pacific highway.

Dodson, who accompanied Hamilton to this city following the crash, was held in city jail in lieu of \$100 bail Sunday night and entered a guilty plea in Judge Burns' court early Monday.

Police Chief Defends Traffic Control Here On Record of Results

PASTORS TELL PASSION WEEK PROGRAM PLAN

A COMMITTEE of the Ashland Ministerial association consisting of the Rev. Melville T. Wire, Rev. E. E. Wordsworth and Rev. C. E. Dunham have announced the following schedule of union services for Passion week:

All services at 7:30 p. m., no services on Monday or Saturday. Names of churches and ministers preaching are: Tuesday, April 4, Full Gospel Temple, Siskiyou boulevard near East Main, Rev. H. S. Wannamaker.

Wednesday, April 5: Presbyterian, Rev. James E. Morgan.

Thursday, April 6: Baptist, Rev. J. H. Edgar.

Friday, April 7: Methodist, Rev. E. E. Wordsworth.

The pastor of the host church presides. If special music is provided, it is to be by singers from that church. Services are to begin promptly and close in one hour or less.

Cooperating ministers hope that members and friends of the churches and citizens of Ashland in general will attend. The committee also announced that Rev. E. J. Wine, pastor of the Brethren church, will make the address at the 7 o'clock Sunrise union service at the Shakespearean auditorium on Easter morning. Committee on arrangements consists of Rev. J. H. Edgar and Rev. R. J. Harer.

Jones Boys' Farewell Bouts Set Monday In Medford Mat Card

The Jones brothers will bid farewell to Medford armory following their engagement next Monday night, March 27, when Mack Lillard has them carded against the toughest possible opponents.

A rematch from last week's sizzling bout is the main go between Joe Smolinski and brother Tuffy. Tuffy, as well as the fans, thought he was robbed of the decision last week and will have blood in his eye when he crawls through the hemp next Monday.

Jimmy Lott, ex-Alabama football ace and Sonnenburg artist, is pitted against big brother Tony in the six ten-minute round middle bout. Both are clean workmen and crowd-pleasers wherever they appear.

A new-comer gets the call for the opener against baby brother Mike. He is Emir Boudi, a clean wrestler from Persia.

Following this card, the hillbillies will leave on a nation-wide tour so this will be the last time local fans will have a chance to see them in action for several months.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS
Twenty-five members of the Jackson County Medical society met in the Lithia hotel dining room Wednesday evening for their regular session, at which Dr. R. W. Clancy of Medford was principal speaker. Dr. Gordon MacCracken of this city was host to the group.

NEW WATER MANAGER
R. M. Kent, Medford engineer recently associated with Prescott CCC camp, was named manager-secretary of the Talent Irrigation district, effective April 1. He will succeed the late Oien Armspiger. Mr. and Mrs. Kent and three children will make their home in Ashland.

ROSS GETS CITY FRANCHISE FOR GARBAGE ROUTE

ON his high bid of \$180 per year for three years, W. Ross and sons Tuesday night were awarded franchise for hauling of garbage within the city. The contract will be effective April 1, and councilmen intimated that a stricter enforcement of sanitary regulations might be ordered as a cooperative gesture toward the new franchise. Special authorizing ordinance will be passed by the council in extra session Tuesday, March 28.

Ross will use the dump ground located 3.6 miles from this city in the Valleyview district owned by C. P. Talent, it was declared in his bid. Informed of the council's decision, several Valleyview residents protested the dump-ground location but, after having details explained to them by Ross, withdrew objections.

Eleven original bidders had tried for the franchise, until recently operated by Ray F. Spencer as sanitary inspector.

The council also granted three building permits, one for the construction of a service station at East Main and Third streets by J. D. Mars, \$9650; construction of a garage by N. E. Taylor at 665 East Main, \$200; reshingling and remodeling work at 167 Garfield by J. H. Sewell, \$100.

Councilmen deferred action on an offer by the city of Portland to sell paritized earwigs to Ashland, and complaints that an abandoned cesspool at Weightman and Iowa streets was a nuisance was referred to Water Supt. Earl Hosler and City Supt. Elmer Biegel.

Chester Corry's plan for improvement of the city plaza received favorable reception from Mayor T. S. Wiley and councilmen, who asked for definite figures on suggested beautification.

The council agreed to renew Mrs. Karl Nims' hospital lease for five years, denied a junior high school request for a crosswalk in esplanade on Siskiyou boulevard and agreed to conditional quitclaim deed to a small bit of city property at the intersection of East Main street and Siskiyou boulevard wanted by Mrs. L. E. Crosby for filling station improvement.

The water department reported a February loss of \$121.11 and testing of two water samples which showed class A ratings. City Recorder J. Q. Adams reported the pending payment of \$25,000 on city water bond redemption, and \$2500 interest.

High School To Hold Open House March 31

The Ashland senior high school will hold open house and class-work demonstration Friday, March 31, according to Supt. George A. Briscoe. Parents and other persons may see students in typical school routine, while the evening will be completed with interesting program and refreshments.

April 6 the high school will present a benefit musical program under direction of Miss Marjorie Scobert, and will include numbers by the high school orchestra and glee clubs. The physical education department also will take part in the entertainment.



SANDY McNAB opening his mouth so GEORGE GOSWICK wouldn't have to put his foot in it.

A. S. ROSENBAUM and J. A. ORMANDY calling on The Miner in the middle of the night.

NATE BATES, now fully recovered from a fall, declaring there's a proper time and place for everything.

CARL BROWER saying "I may look bad, but y'oughtta see LARRY HUNTER."

DALE and BILL KAEGI promising to wear boxing gloves on their next hike.

HOMER BILLINGS extolling the convenience of the peek and paw filing system.

CHARLES PETRI laying eggs to go with ham.

PETE NUTTER wearing a red hat to keep from getting shot for a painter.

The Editor Speaking

present "stop Hitler" drive among world powers is reminding the yokel who bought a pack after his horse was stolen.

ing is a welcome thing, but it comes that annual infestation of briefly-clad tourists with goggles and handkerchiefs around their heads. By comparison, a banjo-eyed bullfrog is a some critter.

tor Moore Hamilton of the Ashland News recommends day-saving time because it "gives you more time of evenings to do your homework done." And we thought Ham had been doing pretense as it is.

According to an editorial column in this issue, more people left the United States during the last year than came here. What is it that the peats who say everything is run better in old country couldn't be among the departing.

dizzy blond is a brunette with a little of peroxide.

Governor Charles Sprague, visiting in Ashland this week, was urged by voters who were urged to learn, during the last legislative session, that at last a governor had been elected who believed his campaign manager's promises.

Governor Sprague's visit, of course, called for a dinner at which two members of the legislature were present. True to their tradition, the pair got into a heated argument about the sales tax.

An early end to trouble in Ashland again was predicted by general Franco this week. And we thought American radio comedians couldn't be topped for wearing same gag to death.

Ray Gardner, ex-train robber, was tried in Portland soon on charge of sending obscene material through the mails. If Gardner tried to talk like that he should have been a printer where somebody had just pied the forms for only scoop of the year.

SAFETY GROUP EYES TRAFFIC

The Ashland Municipal Safety Council, meeting in the city hall Monday night, voted to give great attention to traffic problems of the city during the coming year, and focused the council's attention on closer enforcement of the traffic rule on that part of the Pacific highway which runs through town.

Nominations were opened for officers for the coming year, with Mayor Harold Jordan named for chairman to succeed C. M. Miller; W. A. Snider, vice-chairman, and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe, secretary. Nominations will be continued at the next meeting set for April 17 in the city hall.

The committee praised the traffic record of the city, but pointed out that continued effort toward safety was necessary. The safety council also favored furnishing of caps and caps for student patrol service at school intersections, and establishment of loading zones for commercial vehicles to counteract a growing tendency toward illegal parking.

Civic Group Protests Oil Agency Removal

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce this week circulated three petitions to oil companies seeking prevention removal of the local bulk station of one and resumption of bulk facilities by two others. The petitions bore the signatures of practically all business men in the city and argued that the companies would benefit by maintenance of local distribution facilities.

The Ashland agent for the Union Oil company, Ray Frisbie, has been transferred to Medford and it was believed, abandonment of the local plant would follow. The petitions asked the Standard Oil company and Shell Oil company to reestablish their bulk stations here.

REDECORATE LUNCH STAND
The East Main street lunch stand of Earl Nutter, known as Nutter's Lunch, this week was being completely redecorated. Reopening was tentatively set for some time Saturday.