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## LAUNCH PLANS FOR ELABORATE POSTMASTERS' MEET IN JUNE

### JOHN FULLER TO HEAD GROUP ON PROGRAM PLANS

ANTICIPATING one of the largest conventions ever to be held in Ashland, Postmaster John H. Fuller yesterday announced elaborate plans for entertainment of postmasters of Oregon at their annual gathering scheduled for this city June 16 and 17. Approximately 700 postmasters and their families will be invited here at that time, and a capacity crowd is expected to tax local housing and entertainment facilities.

Many of the visitors will arrive in Ashland the afternoon and evening preceding the convention dates, bringing with them golf clubs and fishing tackle. To facilitate arrangement of lodging for the postmasters, a hospitality and entertainment committee will place guests. The Lithia hotel will be convention headquarters, while other hotels and auto camps are expected to be filled to capacity. The Varsity theater auditorium has been proffered to Postmaster Fuller for use of the convention during business and entertainment sessions.

General outline of the program, according to Fuller, will include a banquet on the opening night—Friday—at which time the main speaker will be a representative of the postoffice department from Washington, D. C. Postmaster General Farley has been invited, but as yet has not indicated whether he can be in attendance. Postmasters from the principal cities of the Pacific coast will be in Ashland for the convention as well as Oregon delegates.

A trip to Mount Ashland is being contemplated for the visitors and Carl Janouch, district forester, has offered his cooperation in making such a feature successful. Because of the publicity achieved by the Southern Oregon College of Education's dramatics department, Postmaster Fuller has been asked to arrange a program by this group. Ashland's Lithia park, of course, will be an outstanding attraction. (Continued on page 6)

### JOHN W. KELLY, FAMOUS WRITER, NEW 'REPORTER'

JOHN W. KELLY, whose column from Washington, D. C. is known to every reader in the northwest, will be a contributor to The Miner starting May 5. Informative, educational and reliable, the column of John W. Kelly was for years the most popular reader-interest feature in The Oregonian. A native of the northwest, he understands its people,



John W. Kelly

problems and aspirations from intimate association. His news interpretations and comments at the national capital are from the viewpoint of a far westerner.

In Washington, D. C., Kelly knows the statesmen and the stuffed shirts and his sources of information enable him to foretell events weeks before they are carried in the news columns.

From the White House to the halls of congress; from the cloakroom gossip to the cosmopolitan society, Kelly paints the picture of the Washington scene as it is—accurately, objectively, impartially as an ace reporter.

There is an intimate touch in Kelly's writings which distinguishes his column from all other columns originating in the federal city. He sees through the eyes of a west coast observer and is alert to legislation or administration policies affecting this region.

To learn "what's going on" at the seat of government, read John W. Kelly's column in The Miner every Friday.

### Southern Pacific Plans Exposition Rail Celebration

Coming just four days after the 70th anniversary of completion of the first transcontinental rail line, Southern Pacific day, May 14, at the Golden Gate International exposition on Treasure island in San Francisco bay will be the occasion for a colorful celebration of railroad progress in the west.

It was May 10, 1869, when the Central Pacific, original unit of the Southern Pacific company, met the Union Pacific at Promontory, Utah, linking the Atlantic and Pacific by rail, and opening up the far west to colonization. The driving of the last spike on that historic day has lived through the years in words and pictures.

More than 20,000 Southern Pacific employes and members of their families, representing all sections of the company's Pacific Lines extending from Portland to El Paso and from San Francisco to Ogdon, are expected to take part in the special program at the exposition. Arrangements are being made for a number of special trains for the railroaders and their friends.

A day-long program of entertainment and sightseeing has been scheduled at the exposition, beginning with the selection of "Miss Southern Pacific" from among the "queen" candidates of the various divisions of the railroad. The winner will rule over the festivities.

Since Len Hall of the Ashland Miner scribbles stuff that nobody understands the wonder is that it doesn't command high prices—like Gertrude Stein's.—Weston Leader.

### Combined Teachers' Councils Will Hold Medford Luncheon

The annual luncheon of the combined teachers' councils of Jackson county schools will be held in the Medford hotel at 1 p. m. Saturday, April 29. Teachers from the primary, intermediate and upper grade councils will attend, with honor guests and Medford graduate teachers.

Miss Elphie K. Smith, regional director of the classroom teachers' division of the National Educational association will be principal speaker at the luncheon. The invitational list includes those who have spoken before the different groups during the last year, and include Dr. Walter Redford, County School Supt. C. R. Bowman and Mrs. Bowman, Supt. E. H. Hedrick, Judge Earl B. Day, Judge W. R. Coleman, Jeannette Smith, Virginia Hales, Louise Bassford, Mary Helen King, Mrs. Drysdale, Dr. Cecil J. S. Bowling, C. T. Steward, August Todgham, Beth Watson and Bertha Stevens.

### SUGGEST HORSE SHOW AS PART OF JULY 4 PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION of a plan to hold a horse show in Ashland July 3, and a costume dance in Elizabethan garb on the night of July 3 was made at the Monday evening meeting of the Independence day celebration committee.

Chairman H. L. Claycomb introduced the idea of the horse show, which will be studied, with the plan of contacting owners of fine horses here and at other nearby cities. The event would be held at the high school athletic field on the afternoon of July 3, and would help round out the proposed three-day program starting Sunday, July 2, and concluding Tuesday, Independence day, with parade, special events and fireworks. Prizes and cash awards for participation in the horse show would be provided from gate receipts of the event, according to Claycomb's plan, and no entry fees would be charged participants, the affair having no rodeo events.

Angus L. Bowmer introduced the plan for an Elizabethan costume ball, with prizes to be awarded for the best Shakespearean garb, followed by crowning of a queen. He indicated willingness of Shakespearean festival costumers to aid in planning of traditional dress which, he said, could be made cheaply and effectively. The ball would tie in with the contemplated Shakespearean caravan to the San Francisco world's fair, two weeks later, and the festival here early in August. One of the awards would be a trip to San Francisco.

Ralph Koozer, finance committee chairman, estimated that \$1200 would be necessary for expense money, much of which already has been lined up.

The celebration committee will meet Monday night, May 1, in the city hall for further plan formation and committee reports, Claycomb said yesterday. All members of committees are asked to be present, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

### SOCE Trackmen Off To Humboldt Meet

Following their third place performance in a practice meet at Linfield college last week-end, 10 SOCE trackmen accompanied Coach Jean Eberhart to Eureka, Calif., where they will participate in a track meet this afternoon with Humboldt State college cinder stars.

Ready for the events this afternoon will be Don Caton, Dexter Russell and Bill Winter, 100-yard, 220-yard and broad-jump; Frank Hill, 440, high and low hurdles, pole vault and high jump; Foster and Werner, 880, mile; George Bullion, high jump and pole vault; Jock Kemnitzer, shot, discus, javelin; Jess Barton, discus, javelin.

Dwight and Genevieve Patterson made a trip to Redding Thursday.

### World Fair Trout Stream!



WITH the beautiful Pirate Girl Zoe Del Lantis in the role of fisherman. This charming scene was photographed in the Shasta-Cascade Building on Treasure Island, where the wonders of the Northern California-Southern Oregon Wonderland are realistically displayed. T. L. Stanley, Managing Director, Shasta-Cascade Exposition Commission, reports increasing attendance as the many attractions become more widely known. Latest attraction is an evening Camp Fire entertainment.

### ASSOCIATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Oregon Shakespearean Festival association will hold its annual meeting next Tuesday evening, May 2, at the Southern Oregon College of Education. Business to be taken up will include determination of many important future policies and the election of officers for the 1939-40 season. All persons holding membership tickets are expected to be present to cast their votes.

Present officers in the organization are: Dr. Walter Redford, president; Angus L. Bowmer, vice president and director; Frank J. Van Dyke, secretary; J. W. McCoy, treasurer, and Walter H. Leverette, business manager. Dr. Redford has appointed a nominating committee headed by Mrs. H. M. Schilling and composed of Mrs. Will Dodge, Mrs. Mabel Mack, Mrs. James Stevens and Mrs. E. H. Hedrick which will make suggestions for the new season.

### H. R. Jordan and Companion Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner

To See Their Choice of the Following Varsity Theater Programs: (Friday and Saturday) "SING YOU SINNERS" plus "PECK'S BAD BOY AT THE CIRCUS" (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "SWEETHEARTS" Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

### FIRE DESTROYS OLD LANDMARK

One of southern Oregon's most notable landmarks—the 81-year-old two-story residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Carter four miles south of Ashland on the old Pacific highway—was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday evening. Valuable furnishings were saved from flames through the help of neighbors and the Ashland fire department. The old homestead was built in 1858 for J. C. (Judge) Tolman and was purchased by F. C. Homes in 1890 and at the time of the fire was occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Carter, and her husband. The building, a nine-room frame structure built on natural stone foundation with whipsawed siding and hewn timbers, was valued at between \$5000 and \$6000 with only partial insurance coverage.

### Transient's Body Is Found Near Highway

Remains of a man, thought to be George Floyd Cramer, 70-year-old former filling station operator near Kamela, Ore., were discovered Saturday near the Pacific highway nine miles south of Ashland. The body was in a badly decomposed state, apparently having been dead for about three months.

A coroner's jury held that the man died from natural causes, and J. P. Dodge and Sons this week were holding the remains pending efforts to locate relatives. It was believed that the aged hitch-hiker, exhausted, had collapsed and died while attempting to cross the mountains in the dead of winter.

DRAW FINES HERE W. R. Kohl and Irving Crawford, arrested on charges of being drunk, Saturday were fined \$10 each and \$2.50 costs in Police Judge Presnell's court. Crawford paid his fine while Kohl was incarcerated, later being released to leave town.

### SEEN IN A DAZE



By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER

BEN TANNER calling "Is there a veterinary in the house?" and later sending out delicate, lavender announcement cards.

HARRY RITCHIE and RAY GUISE throwing their voices about fishing a lot farther than either one can cast a fly.

WALT SCHEIDERER looking for a place to hang his coveralls on a newly painted wall.

ANN JORDAN threatening to fight it out on this line if it takes the whole fishing season.

SADIE MILLER calling HENRY HUGHES so effectively that EBE DUNN'S shoats tore out for the Palace cafe.

Another sly TOWNSEND SHOUTER coming to tell the old folks what the plan will do for them, and cleaning up handsomely before leaving town.

CARL BROWER being the victim of an itching powder plot.

MRS. MARGUERITE MILLS showing an amateur movie of a ricksha dancing on the Pacific ocean via unintentional double exposure.

MERRICK THORNTON wearing out his friends with telephone gags to the point where they are afraid to pick up receivers.

HELEN PORTER braving the streets with a Toonerville hat.

VELMA BROWER finding herself fourth in a party of four in a coupe.

DR. R. L. BURDIC practicing, "As ye sow, etc.," in reverse on his lawn.

### The Editor Speaking

MAJALS and people are said to require food in proportion to skin area, but a toper's capacity depends on how far his will stretch.

There are the persistent back number—he's generally the best kind.

Now we understand why die-speakers from behind unshatterable glass—it's so they can't see what people are saying about them.

State is considering planting fish in Rogue River, but a lot of extravagance. All that is needed is a companion say "Yep, that's right!"

It is that season when a man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of anything but hard work.

It is the only effective muzzle for the belligerents of Europe to be the muzzle of a cannon.

His home was never the castler house can be. Think of it down the highway the way every month.

And noise was said to have an effective repellent for insects grasshoppers in the early part of Oregon, but why bring it up? The legislature's already done it.

The world's largest telescope soon to be in position at Mt. San Jacinto, Calif., and will bring within a few miles of the earth. Fortunately, the moon is not populated, and no protest from the quarter is expected.

Clark Wood, in his Weston column, claims lions will not attack a man carrying an umbrella, but what worries us more is how to protect our eyeballs from Clark's carries the umbrella.

Heads make hard times.

The poor tourist heading for one of the world's fairs this season! The highways to the fair, lined with eager, scheming pluckers bent on making money-seeds while the sun shines.

Southern Oregon baseball games will get under way this week. The several cities will throw in the first ball. Then the wish hizzoners had out the umpires.

Postmaster James Farley has invited to Ashland for the state convention of rank-and-file readers. Somebody tip off Sunny Jim that the Lithia water has been known to stunt hair.

### Softball Nine Bows To Medford

High school softball team Sunday night dropped a 13-4 decision to Medford high on the turf diamond. Windmill pitching by Walker and Piche for the Ashland team bewildered Medford.

### Grizzly reserves fought the second to a 12-11 final

Medford behind the pitcher Ed Hostwick. O'Connellmen will travel to Pass Tuesday, May 2, and hosts to Medford here May 3.

### ATTEND FESTIVAL

Total of 1835 students of elementary and high schools of Oregon participated in the two-day music festival sponsored by the Southern Oregon College of Education here Thursday and Friday.

### NEW HUMIDITY TESTS

Weather observer Louis Dodge this week surveyed a new psychrometer for testing humidity. It was installed at his weather station by the weather bureau of the U. S. department of Agriculture. Humidity readings will be added to the observations being made here.

### MRS. HENRY MANNING

Funeral services for Mrs. Henry Manning, 70, who died April 23 at her home on Terrace street, were held at 2:30 p. m. April 25 at the funeral home with the Rev. Melville T. Wire officiating. Burial was in Ashland cemetery.