

The Editor Speaking

EUROPE is said to be preparing for a lightning war and perhaps that's what it'll be. The last one certainly failed to enlighten.

Railroads are advertising passenger safety, which shows good engine-uity.

Washington Grangers are asking for a law requiring a majority vote before the United States can enter a war fought on foreign soil. Which might be tantamount to voting our own land into battle-field.

Growers To Take Part in Annual Nut Tour—Oregon State college news story! And we suspect their first stop will be to speculate at Clark Wood in Weston.

The army air corps will spend \$45,000 on Medford's landing field during the coming year. Well, Medford has lots of air that ought to be good for something.

There are 200 bones in the human body but the one that gets the least use is the skull.

At this time of year, with incendiaries rampant in the tinder-dry forests, residents of the north-west know how Europe must feel about Hitler.

Elks Take Second Half Crown From Rogues Wednesday

The Elks softball team dug deep into their bag of tricks to down the Rogues 9 to 6 to win the second half championship at the high school field Wednesday night. Barksdale, starting on the mound for the Rogues, failed to live up to his reputation made in the closing weeks and the Lodgemen knocked him from the box in the first inning. Ausland was called upon and lasted until the fifth when Barksdale went back in, only to be replaced by Eberhart in the sixth.

Tallis, who did a good job in the box for the winners, was given better support by his teammates than in most other games this season.

In the opening game of the evening Bert Simmons' new pitching find was too much for the Miner Press and the green-shirted lads went down to a 12 to 9 defeat. While Bud Jones whiffed only five batters, most of the blows were pop-ups and the Talent infield gave him excellent support.

Score by innings: R H E
Miner Press 103 040 1—9 9 7
Talent 210 243 x—12 11 6

A-T's to Grants Pass For Final Loop Game

The Ashland-Talent baseball nine will journey to Grants Pass for their final game of the season with the top flight Merchants on Sunday. Charlie Skeeters' gang took a 17 to 6 skulking from the Merchants in their previous encounter at Ashland and the local lads have sworn revenge on their trip to the Climate City.

The Grants Pass game will start at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the fair grounds park.

Harris Leads League Hurlers, List Figures

Kenny Harris, young Dodger pitcher, is leading the Ashland softball league in games pitched and games won. Although both Jones of Talent and King of the Pine Box have a perfect record, they have worked in only one game this season. The following is a list standing of all the pitchers who have taken part in the current season:

Name, Team	W	L	Pct.
Jones, Talent	1	0	1.000
King, Pine Box	1	0	1.000
Harris, Dodgers	9	2	.818
C. Warren, Dod.	4	2	.666
Ausland, Rogues	6	4	.600
Barksdale, Rog.	4	3	.571
Tallis, Elks	8	6	.571
Rose, Miners	5	4	.555
Woodward, PB	6	7	.462
O'Toole, Miners	3	5	.375
Hungate, Talent	3	8	.272
Thoreson, Talent	2	2	.500
Favero, Elks	0	2	.000
R. Combest, Tal	0	2	.000
Vall, Rogues	0	1	.000
Westfall, Pine B	0	1	.000
Perdue, Talent	0	1	.000
Schonicker, PB	0	1	.000

In Strong Comedy Role!



LAMERLE BECK WITT of Medford is shown above as she will appear in tonight's presentation of "Comedy of Errors" at the civic Elizabethan theater in Lithia park. This evening's performance and "As You Like It" Saturday night will conclude the fifth annual Shakespearean festival. Curtain for both performances will be at 8:30 o'clock.

Festival Crowds Grow As Plays Near Close

'Comedy of Errors' and 'As You Like It' to Be Final 1939 Productions

ASHLAND'S fifth annual Shakespearean festival, which opened Friday, Aug. 4, played to steadily increasing audiences this week and directors and officials of the presentations were expecting tonight's version of "Comedy of Errors" and Saturday night's final play, "As You Like It" to draw capacity crowds to the outdoor Elizabethan theater in Lithia park.

Started here five years ago by Prof. Angus L. Bowmer of the Southern Oregon College of Education dramatics staff, the festivals have grown until actors and playgoers from all points in the United States are annually attracted here for the productions which are presented in the authentic manner of William Shakespeare's day on a civic Elizabethan stage which reproduces appropriate setting and properties.

EVANS STUDENT LOAN FUND NOW SET AT \$15,302

ACCORDING to a trustees' report recently filed with the county court, the Ben E. Evans loan fund now stands at \$15,302.37. This fund is the bulk of the estate of the late Ben F. Evans who left the principal in the hands of three trustees with authority to use the income for the purpose of assisting worthy students in and adjacent to Ashland to obtain an education.

J. W. McCoy, chairman of the board of trustees, assisted by F. S. Engle and G. H. Wenner, declared that the fund is available to all seeking to obtain education, whether in high school, college, business college or other specialized lines. The report continued: "During the 10 years this fund has been administered a total of 283 loans have been made to 145 different individuals. Total loans made was \$33,678.15. Loans paid to date, \$19,507.52. Unpaid loans outstanding \$14,170.63, of which a total of \$1775.50 were charged off as losses. Recoveries of \$48.75 leave net losses \$1726.75. Of the losses above shown, one in a very substantial amount was occasioned by the death of the borrower, otherwise repayments have been very satisfactory. Considering the volume handled and that in practically all cases borrowers are without employment at the time loans are made, the trustees consider that the losses show a high ratio of integrity on the part of these young students. The total loan fund now is \$15,302.37. The principal or investment fund aggregates \$36,777.05. Interest rate of three per cent per annum is charged on all loans.

Curtain on the Friday and Saturday performances will be drawn at 8:30 o'clock both nights and persons planning to attend either or both plays are advised to make reservations early as possible at the ticket office at the Elizabethan theater.

ELKS, DODGERS TO BATTLE FOR TITLE TONIGHT

THE DODGERS, first half softball champions, and the Elks, second half winners, will clash at 9 o'clock tonight at the high school field for the city championship and possession of the trophy now held by Hilt as last season's winners. The victor will represent Ashland in the district playoff in Grants Pass Aug. 14 and 15, at which time Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls representatives will battle for the district crown and right to enter the state tournament. The Elks and Dodgers have met four times this season with the Dodgers winning two games, one 12 to 0. Parker Hess, Dodger pilot, has two able pitchers in Kenny Harris and Charlie Warren while the BPOE big gun is Bill Tallis.

The Dodgers have taken part in 17 games, winning 13. The Lodgemen played 16 but were less fortunate, winning but half.

As a preliminary game, the Pine Box nine will meet the Miner Press at 8 o'clock. Winner of the championship game will meet Grants Pass at the Climate city diamond at 7:45 Monday evening.

Band Concert Set For Park on Sunday

In deference to the Thursday night Shakespearean play, "Hamlet," Director Ward Croft postponed his regular Lithia park band concert to 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The weekly concerts have attracted a large following from Ashland and surrounding communities and have been a popular Thursday night feature in the park.

GRANGE ASKS WAR VOTE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special)—All members of the Oregon congressional and Washington delegation have received a petition from the Washington state Grange asking for a law to require a majority vote of all eligible voters in the United States before the United States can enter an armed conflict on foreign soil.

TO CALL LAST SHASTA BIDS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special)—John Page, reclamation commissioner, says that the last section to be advertised for the Shasta dam project, south of the Oregon line, will be a huge double-deck bridge across Pit river. The bridge will carry the Southern Pacific railroad and highway 99, the Pacific highway. Bids for this section will be called for within two months, according to present plans.

FREE CANNING PEARS READY AT CITY SHOP

FREE PEARS for needy Ashland families again are being provided through the cooperation of Medford packing plants, a transfer company and city officials, and may be had for the taking at the city warehouse at First and C streets.

The fruit, under size and culls, is sound and of good quality for home canning, city officials explained yesterday, and will be available during the packing season. Donated by Medford plants, the fruit is being hauled here free by Whittle Transfer company and distributed by the city.

Those calling for the fruit are being asked to not "sort over" the pears but to take them as they come. Some waste was experienced last season when finicky persons climbed onto the pile and sought only the best fruit, causing considerable damage. Those making the fruit available to needy families here are anxious that as much good as possible be derived from the pears.

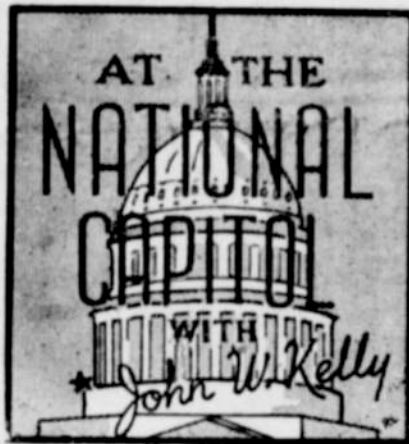
Marshall Carter And Cowboy Chick to Top Monday Wrestle Bill

Marshall Carter, former University of Missouri wrestling instructor, will meet Cowboy Chick in the top main event at Medford armory next Monday night, according to Promoter Mack Lillard.

Carter was the victim of what he and the fans thought was a quick count last Monday. The Missourian, with falls standing one each, was beneath Chick on the mat when Referee Yockley counted him out. Carter claimed that his shoulders were not down and that he could have licked the Cheyenne cowboy. Carter has been after Lillard all week to rematch them and finally was granted the bout.

"Chick is the most over-rated wrestler in the business and he has no dangerous hold except his airplane spin and I know he can't get me into that," said Carter following last Monday's bout.

George (Wildcat) Wilson, former all-American football ace, will meet Sgt. Bob Kennaston of Gold Hill in the second bout. Wilson is an expert sonnenburg artist and will be remembered as the man who missed one at the armory a couple of years ago and broke a ring post.



WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10—Of Oregon's owner-operated farms 49.8 per cent are mortgaged. Only 12 states have a higher percentage of mortgaged farms. Records for the sister state, California, are identical with the percentages in Oregon, with Washington state having 47.7 per cent of its owner-operated farms carrying a plaster. Considering that these three Pacific coast states are blessed with abundance of water, unsurpassed climate, rarely cursed with crop failure and the people have one of the highest cultures in the union, the number of mortgages is intriguing. For the entire United States the percentage of these mortgages is 41.5.

Farm tenancy in Oregon is 21.7 (California the same), with Washington 20 per cent. Farm tenancy is highest in the west in Idaho, 28.5 per cent. Heavy tenancy is in the south where the share-croppers' plight caused the administration to launch its Farm Security administration through which loans are made to tenants to purchase farms.

For the 1939-40 year, FSA has \$38,000,000 to carry on this farm-purchase program. Out of this sum Oregon is allocated \$148,116; Washington, \$184,296, and Idaho \$155,601. Officials expect to make 18 loans in Oregon, 23 in Washington and 17 in Idaho. More than (Continued on page 5)

Taylor Williams To Observe Anniversary

Saturday, Aug. 12, Taylor R. Williams will observe his first anniversary as Western Auto Supply company dealer in Ashland. Williams was the former owner of Taylor's lunch on East Main street, purchasing the auto supply business from Jim Starbuck, who opened the store here.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are using columns of The Miner this week to extend personal thanks to their many friends and customers for making possible a successful anniversary.

CALL FOR ROOMS

Persons having rooms available for renting to college students are being asked to register their vacancies at the Southern Oregon College of Education office.

J. A. Ferren 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) "CONFESSIONS OF A NAZI SPY" and "NEWS IS MADE AT NIGHT"
- (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "ICE FOLLIES OF 1939"
- (Wednesday and Thursday) "FOUR GIRLS IN WHITE" and "FIXER DUGAN"

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

SCHOOL BOARD HEARS KATBALL SPONSORS' PLEAS

MEMBERS of Ashland's school board Tuesday night heard requests and suggestions of city softball team sponsors and appointed a committee including School Supt. Theo J. Norby and Director Frank Davis to meet with the sponsors Thursday, Aug. 17, for discussion of plans for the 1940 season.

The night league backers expressed a desire to obtain and give closer cooperation in conduct of the grounds and equipment, and emphasized that their words were not intended as criticism but as suggestions for a more successful season next summer. Managers and sponsors asked that balls, bats, bases and grounds be maintained to an efficient standard and pointed out that the games were showing a profit to the school board. Charging off full salary of an athletic director for the summer to softball was regarded as a misleading item, inasmuch as the director's duties include coaching of junior players as well as supervision of three nights a week for softball.

The school board, in charge of Chairman Etta Schilling, later in the evening discussed toilet facilities for the athletic field and accepted the resignation of Miss Marjorie Scobert, junior and senior high music instructor. Miss Scobert will teach in her home town, Eugene. Replacing her will be Miss Harriett Hill who for the last two years was vocal music supervisor of St. James, Minn. She brings a total of seven years experience to Ashland schools and has attended University of Oregon, Northern Normal and Industrial school at Aberdeen, S. D., De Paul university, Chicago, and Northwestern at Evanston, Ill. Her mother at one time had lived in Ashland.

Water Restrictions Now Effective Here

Ashland water users went on restricted use Thursday, Aug. 10, when the city undertook to observe dry season precautions which would assure adequate water pressure, fire protection and domestic supply. The restrictions are in the nature of a division of water use hours rather than a limitation of quantity, although users are retrained from wasteful practices.

The city water department has outlined complete instructions which are included in a display advertisement on page three of this issue and water users are advised to clip the notice for reference.

SEEN IN A DAZE



By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER

HOWARD WILEY christening JOHNNY DAUGHERTY'S store by breaking a bottle over the front.

FLOYD DICKEY, disappointed fisherman, hooking nothing in two days but a woman's dress with nobody home.

BOB STEDMAN happily contemplating a trip to the barber following the end of the Shakespearean festival.

BERTHA HEER fishing for sardines from the top of a ladder.

TED PIERSON trying to keep the cigaret habit while undergoing a series of throat paintings.

CHARLIE WALTERS muttering "Apache, ugh!" MARGARET SHORT prompting herself with handwriting on the wall. I. C. ERWIN and DABY O'TOOLE bristling with fighting spirit in a vocal sort of way at the Sunday ball game.