

TO DATE allied purchases of war commodities have been concentrated mostly in planes, but it won't be long before they'll want Uncle Sam to stow his wallet and sympathies in their cockpits, and later his men.

People of the west coast spend more money for automobiles than for clothes, proving that cars do get more wear than shoes.

The coincidence is revealing that the last date for filing as a candidate for public office occurs on April fools' day.

The anti-lynching bill soon will reach the senate floor, where southern legislators are planning to hang it.

In France cabinet posts are shifted with every report from the western front and a premier never knows when he'll find himself stuffed back into a bottom drawer.

Belief that having some of the hair of the dog that bit you is a good remedy the morning after probably accounts for the large number of bald bartenders.

With eggs selling locally at 14 cents a dozen, southern Oregon rabbits seemed content to let hens handle production during the Easter season.

A Grants Pass fisherman opened the season by catching a 33-pound Chinook salmon in Rogue river last Sunday and, after putting up a stiff battle, finally was landed by a cameraman.

Mankind is heavily indebted to the sun, but Americans were especially so early this week when sunspots temporarily isolated them from Europe by disrupting communication.

Invention is that demoniacal paradox that creates gadgets to save time and then devises pin-ball machines to waste it.

Business is crying that current domestic troubles are the result of government interference, but it can be remembered that during 1929 business was in the driver's seat and did worse.

Nothing is entirely useless. Even the face that stops a clock starts the men running.

Funny thing about straw votes and Gallup polls is nobody seemed to mind answering questions until the federal census occurred during a democratic administration.

Says Clark Wood in his Weston Leader: "The ultimate in obscurity is reached by the hick who isn't talked about in a hick town." And we'll bet there've been times when Clark wished he was that hick.

Too bad the Finns had to lay down their arms before they had beaten the hammer and sickle into plowshares.

F. E. Thompson New Head District WPA

F. E. Thompson, who resides on Granite street, recently was appointed manager of district four of the Works Progress Administration and is the WPA representative within the territory comprising the district of Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties. He will be responsible to the state administrator for the proper promotion, execution and coordination of the program in the district.

LEE MERRIMAN TO TEACH

Lee Merriman of Trail, who now is a student at the Southern Oregon College of Education, has just signed a contract to teach the fifth and sixth grades in the Prospect school, district No. 59, according to word received by Registrar Marshall Woodell.

Sam Jordan and W. J. Chipman spent Wednesday fishing at Savage rapids on Rogue river.

Arthur L. Coggins 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) "BROADWAY MELODY OF 1940" "FULL CONFESSION" (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND" "THE LIGHT THAT FAILED" "LOUIS-GODOY FIGHT"

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

CENSUS TO GET UNDER WAY IN COMING WEEK

WHEN the national 10-year census begins Tuesday, April 2, 30 of the 38 applicants who attended census school in Medford last week will be selected to tally residents of Jackson county.

Elmo Andrews, Chick Farlow, Carol Quackenbush, Cathrine Blackmer, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Culbertson and Jasper Reynolds will enumerate in the Ashland district.

April 8 has been set as the day for questioning all transients in tourist camps, road houses, shanty towns and hobo villages.

Enumerators will ask place of birth, of parents' birthplace, veteran and social security data, usual occupation, industry and class of work, mother tongue, number of children, questions on marriage.

In addition, every 14th and 29th person questioned, by rotation on census blanks, will be asked supplementary questions designed to give a cross-section description of the population of the nation—the same supplementary questions that drew blasts in congress from Senator Tobey and others.

Data sought from persons other than the 14th and 29th will concern his or her name, relation to others, personal description, education, place of birth, place of residence at the time of the incomplete census in 1935, and questions concerning employment status and income when the subject is 14 years of age or over.

At the same time a census will be taken of farmers and farms with an income of \$250 from any agricultural or stock raising occupation defining the subject as a farmer. Most of the farm questions are chiefly about farm produce and the extent of soil conservation and soil building practiced by the farmer. Some of the questions asked other than those above will include:

- Amount of farm equipment used.
- Proximity of electric power lines.
- Extent of cooperative selling and buying.
- How many days the farmer worked for other persons.
- Amount of money paid for farm labor.
- Amount of land under irrigation.
- Other farm land owned by the farmer.
- Amount of mortgage on farm and interest rate.
- Taxes levied against property, both real and personal.
- Amount of money spent on new equipment, feed or for farm supplies.

GOLF COURSE GETS REPAIRS

The Ashland golf course which is open to the public at green fees, now is in good condition throughout and will be improved further when sunshine permits top dressing and weed killing, according to Jean Eberhart, golf club director in charge of course repairs.

Saturday Eberhart and a crew of eight men mowed all greens, tees and brought three fairways into good playing condition, and repaired damage where the creek had overflowed its banks.

Other fairways of the popular nine-hole course are being mowed this week by Charles van der Walker, who has been employed as greenskeeper for the next two months. He will be assisted in his work by one or two helpers as soon as weather permits.

Medford Rounds Out Nine for S-O Loop

Medford's entry in the Southern Oregon Baseball league is gradually taking shape, according to G. A. (Doc) Gitzen, manager. Stiff practice sessions are being held on the Medford high turf at 4:30 o'clock every afternoon.

Gitzen is looking forward to a strong team with his lineup so far about like this: George Gitzen, catcher; Orville Hampel, first base; John Gitzen, second base; Dick Hoffman, shortstop; Bud Reinking, third base; Sam Van Dyke and Bob Newland in the outfield, with another yet to be signed. Ray Tungate, Al (Lefty) Wimer and Skinny Wilson have agreed to handle mound duties.

DRAW FISHING FINES

Margaret Martha Beer and Bert Leon Patrick, Medford, Monday were fined \$25 plus \$4.50 costs in the court of Justice of the Peace M. T. Burns for angling without licenses. A state policeman apprehended the pair while they were fishing in Bear creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Proc Klum of Bly this week visited here with friends and relatives.

Terry Talent Heading Washington Office Of Bureau of Narcotics

THAT rents are unusually high in Washington, D. C., the woe that cold, and an almost total absence of garages exists were the first impressions of Terry Talent and family on arrival there recently, where Terry has been placed in charge of the District of Columbia's bureau of narcotics office.

Talent, son of Police Chief C. P. Talent of Ashland, was transferred to the national capital from New Orleans.

The move is another promotion in Terry's steady climb with the treasury department's law enforcement division and he now is in charge of the District of Columbia and surrounding area, with five agents under his direction.

An unfurnished apartment costs the Talents \$50 a month, according to a letter received by the senior Talent here, and "everybody parks their cars in the street—why they don't build garages hasn't been found out yet."

Terry, Mrs. Talent and their three-year-old son Terry Jr. live four miles from his work and already are putting on pressure to persuade their Ashland relatives to visit them and see the town. Terry, his letter chides, would like to show Papa how to really run a department.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS SET APRIL 1ST

SCHOLARSHIPS for students planning to attend the Southern Oregon College of Education are made available through the state board of higher education for the year 1940-41 to seniors graduating from Oregon high schools and to students who have attended institutions of higher learning.

High school seniors and first-year college students making applications for these awards must have their applications on file before April 1, 1940. Blanks may be secured from the principal of any Oregon high school or from the registrar's office at the College of Education in Ashland.

The scholarships at SOCE are valued at \$25.50 applying toward charges totaling \$57.50 at the college of education.

Lions Hosts To Quints For Junior and Senior High Schools Tuesday

The Ashland Lions club Tuesday was host to 24 high school and junior high basketball players at their annual appreciation dinner given by Lions to the boys at the conclusion of every sport season.

Fred R. I. Flaharty presided and entertainment featured John Eads, Medford magician. Tail-twister Pete Nutter kept the assemblage in good humor with his repertoire of antics with his Spizzierinkter bird which extracts coins from members almost painlessly.

High school players attending were Bob Dunn, Bob Stearns, Bud Provost, Chuck Jandreau, Ardie Warren, Earl Warren, Bob Weaver, James Smith, Albert Newby, Stan Davis, Richard Ormond and Dale Williams. Junior high guests included Dale Adams, Alvane Monroe, Bill Burdie, Tommy Mansfield, Bill Green, Jimmy Bartlett, Fred Kannasto, Winfield Robertson, Bill Davis, Bill Elam, George Marsh and Coach Al Simpson.

Brief talks of appreciation were given by Captain Ardie Warren for the high school squad and Fred Kannasto for the juniors.

TRUCKER FINED HERE

Homer S. Dawson, Ashland, Saturday paid a \$15 justice court fine plus \$4.50 costs for operating a truck without the required PUC plates.

EXAMINER HERE TODAY

An examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in the Ashland city hall from 1 to 5 p. m. today, March 29, to issue licenses and permits to drive cars.

Ruth Parsons left for her home in San Francisco Thursday following a visit here with her father, B. J. Parsons.

Mrs. May Davis visited in Klamath Falls last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Padgett.

Erroll Miller of Klamath Falls spent the Easter holidays here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jessie Miller.

Gene Ritzinger early in the week left for Eugene where he will be employed.

Personalities in Canadian Election



ALL CANADA voted Tuesday, March 26, in the special election called by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, left, to give a "new mandate" in support of his war government. Mrs. George Black, center, a parliament member from the Yukon, campaigned in the snow-bound northwest territory seeking votes. Sylvanus Apps, right, youthful Toronto hockey star, promised to retire from the ice sport if he won a parliament seat. King's entire liberal cabinet was re-elected, early returns showed.

Junior High 'Open House' Set Tonight



WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28. Food stamps will be extended to several more Oregon and Washington towns within a few months and if the depression continues and surpluses accumulate the stamps may be made available in several hundred communities.

The stamp plan works like this: Anyone on relief can purchase a book of orange colored stamps for \$1. In the book (they come like regular books of postage stamps) are blue stamps with a value of 60 cents. With the orange stamps the reliever can buy any food essential in the store, but the blue stamps can be exchanged only for certain commodities which are listed as surplus, which vary from time to time. By this method, for every dollar of stamps bought the reliever has purchasing power of \$1.50 for \$1.

Dealers (grocers) obtain their supply of surplus commodities through regular channels and receive their normal profit. It now is proposed in congress that Federal Surplus Commodities corporation purchase surplus at the source and at wholesale and thereby the money for removing surplus through the stamp plan will go further as it will eliminate profits of the middlemen.

Turkey growers of the Pacific northwest have been given a hint by the bureau of agricultural economics to raise 10 and 12-pound birds.

Of the stocks of turkeys now in cold storage 65 per cent weigh 16 pounds or over. These are birds which consumers passed up during the holidays. Practical reasons for 10-12 pound birds include such matters as smaller families and the size of ovens found in modern homes, especially in apartment houses. The 16-pound and over turks are in demand only for the hotel and restaurant trade. The bureau also predicts that producers will raise four to five per cent more birds in 1940 than in 1939. Oregon stands fifth in turkey producing states.

Drainage districts on the lower Columbia are expected to contract for 7500 kilowatts of Bonneville power for pumping purposes, the senate committee on appropriations has been informed, and \$450 kilowatts will be sold to REA projects in 1941. The REA projects are in Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

All six senators of the Pacific northwest are participating actively in the debate on the proposal to extend for three years the act authorizing reciprocal trade treaties. These senators, with practically all other senators west of the Mississippi, regardless of political affiliation, are opposed to the extension. This is the battle which was predicted in this space last year. It actually affects the paycheck of every worker in the land and the housewives, too. (Continued on page 4)

C OF C DINERS HEAR GRIFFITH AND EYE FILM

AN INTERESTING and informative speaker, George E. Griffith of the division of education and information, US Bureau of Forestry, gave an address, "American Frontier of 1940 and Its Bearing on the National Future" as the feature attraction of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held in the Lathia hotel dining room last night, March 28.

Toastmaster C. M. Litwiler introduced the president of the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, Edwin C. Coates, who in turn introduced Vice Pres. Virgil Younce, Directors Charles R. Cooley, P. J. Thielens and Harry Metcalf. Guests attending from Medford included Carl Yanough and A. S. Rosenbaum.

Short talks were given by R. I. Flaharty and Mayor T. S. Wiley, who extended a cordial greeting to the visitors.

As part of the entertainment, Mrs. E. O. Smith sang two solos, "The House That Jack Built," and "Robin, Robin, Sing Me a Song," accompanied by Mrs. Roy Hartley.

Arthur L. Coggins presented motion pictures of southern Oregon forests as the main attraction of the dinner program, and music was provided by a violin, cello and piano trio composed of Chester Woods, Edna Hash and Agnes Jones.

NEW COACH TO HEAD SOFTBALL

A representative group of city softball league sponsors met Tuesday night with School Supt. Theo J. Norby to adopt a plan of the school board whereby the 1940 field manager for the softball loop would be the same as the director of the summer playgrounds—the new football coach chosen by the board to replace Skeet O'Connell, who handled softball grounds and operation last season.

The new director will meet with team sponsors in the high school at 7:30 p. m. Monday, April 15, at which time plans for the season will be formulated and league entrants listed.

Those present at Tuesday night's meeting were Supt. T. J. Norby, Harry Morris, W. A. Snider, R. I. Flaharty, P. R. Hardy and Leonard Hall.

PETE'S LUNCH REOPENS FOLLOWING RENOVATION

Pete's Lunch, popular lunch room on East Main street near the Metz-Richards store, reopened today following closure for spring cleaning and renovation.

Painting, cleaning and rearrangement of some equipment for improved service occupied Earl D. (Pete) Nutter and crew all day Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pinson of Dunsuir early this week visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughs.

SEEN IN A DAZE



PARKER HESS carrying colored Easter eggs back to the old hen.

LEE RYAN wrenching a muscle with body english while playing a pin-ball machine.

GLENN SIMPSON running out of gas across the street from his pump.

JOHN HOTELL pulling out a catfish and the fish throwing him back for being too small.

PETE NUTTER saving the surface and thereby all by providing a freshly-painted sample board for the curleus.

CLIFF BROMLEY, when all else failed to start an argument, shouting a couple of "Heil Hitlers."

E. C. WALLS clawing the air in an original dance created on the spur of the moment when inspired by an unexpected noise.

CHARLOTTE SHORT wondering how to acquire one of the more important requisites of college equipment, a fur coat.

RAY BUYERS enjoying a brisk pin-ball game from the depths of a comfortable chair.

TRYOUTS UNCOVER MUCH TALENT FOR AMATEUR PROGRAM

Every type of musical entertainment from future Nelson Eddys (in the person of Bill Alves) to a potential Ignatz Paderewski (in the form of little 36-inch, four-year-old Kathleen Hartley) will greet the audience at the Parent-Teacher sponsored amateur hour coming Friday, April 5, in the junior high gym.

The program, first of its kind in many years, will feature vocal, piano and accordion solos, tap dancers, tumblers, a string trio and a large variety of other musical numbers. Preliminary tryouts were held Tuesday evening and the large number of applicants were pared to about 29 excellent numbers, the winners of which will be determined by vote of the audience. First prize will be \$5 in cash, second \$4, third \$3 and four honorable mentions each will receive \$2.

WILLAMETTE STAR IS NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Leighton Blake, little All-American football center from Willamette university, has signed a contract to coach football in Ashland high school, according to an announcement by Supt. Theo J. Norby last night. Blake probably also will teach social sciences in addition to his athletic duties. He, together with a basketball mentor to be signed within a week, will replace Coach Forrest L. O'Connell who will resign at the close of spring term, and Miss Margaret Macy, history and English teacher who will leave because of marriage.

Blake will come to Ashland with an outstanding athletic record behind him, having been voted Willamette's most valuable player for both 1938 and 1939, where he played center on offense and backed up the line on defense. He played freshman ball at Washington State, was a member of athletic honorary groups at Willamette and president of the Order of W. He gained his high school experience at Camas, Wash.

If arrangements can be made, Blake will conduct spring football practice here and will come to Ashland during summer months as playground supervisor and to manage softball league play.

Norby expects to be able to announce selection of a basketball coach within a week.