

PROGRESS is to be marveled at. Rubber, which started out as an error of men's mistakes, now has reached the point where its incorporation into automobile tire and bombing plane construction crases men, too.

A voter's greatest difficulty is knowing where to place his cross so he won't be double-crossed.

Soon airplanes that can travel 750 miles an hour—the speed of sound—will be built, according to an authority. Imagine being a passenger in such a plane and then having your "We're off!" hit you in the back of the neck after you get there.

Axioms cannot be denied. Even an army worm travels on its stomach.

Judging from the way alarmists of both political parties portray the next four years, the United States is going in for double futures.

In war, as in any argument, one side always claims to be blessed with a God-given righteousness, but to a man up a neutral tree it looks as if this time both sides are going to the devil.

Outlook for Sweden will not be serious until she starts winning her battles, like Finland, which never lost an engagement but did lose the war.

The fire season soon will arrive in southern Oregon forests and smokers who've been flipping their cigarets with absent-minded abandon will start cussing "firebugs."

Census takers, busy counting noses for several weeks, are reported to have found one in its own business.

Beware friends who wear their feelings on their sleeves for generally they have something up 'em, too.

A pessimist is the fellow who is reminded that April showers bring May weeds.

HIGH SCHOOLS SEND 325 HERE

The high school division of the 11th annual Southern Oregon College of Education's music festival in the college gym Friday afternoon, April 7, was a marked success when 215 vocalists, including 59 Ashland high school students, 50 instrumentalists from the high schools of Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties performed before 700 spectators.

Miss Claudia Buck, Pro-Musica representative at the festival, introduced Mayor T. S. Wiley, Dr. Walter Redford, SOCE president, and Theo J. Norby, Ashland school superintendent. Ray Ellison, Phoenix high school student, was presented with a \$4 cash award by Pro-Musica, college honorary, for his prize-winning national music week poster. The presentation was made by Larry Hunter.

The larger division of the festival, which will bring about 1300 grade school children to Ashland, was postponed from Thursday, April 18, to Friday, May 10, because of the prevalence of measles.

THREE FINED FOR FISHING IN CLOSED CREEK WATERS

Fines of \$25 each, plus \$4.50 court costs, were assessed John Bert Smith and Merle L. Smith, Klamath Falls, when they appeared in justice court here Monday on charges of fishing in the closed waters of upper Little Butte creek just below Fish Lake. James Delroy Nendel, 18, Klamath Falls, was given a 15-day suspended sentence in the county jail and assessed \$4.50 court costs on a charge of fishing in the upper Little Butte creek without an angler's license.

The arrests were made Sunday by a state police game warden.

M. T. Burns 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)
"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS"
"LEGION OF THE LAWLESS"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"SHOOTIN' HIGH"
(Wednesday, Thursday)
"ON BORROWED TIME"
"THE ISLE OF DESTINY"
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

McCoy Will End Bank Services Here May 1st

ANNOUNCEMENT was made Monday by J. Walter McCoy that he plans to resign management of the Ashland branch of the First National bank of Portland May 1.

McCoy stated that in accepting his resignation, officers of the state-wide banking institution specified that he is to continue on salary until he becomes eligible for his pension, which takes effect in 1943.

G. H. Wenner, assistant branch manager, succeeds as manager, according to McCoy, and C. E. Hedberg is promoted to the post of assistant manager.

McCoy said, "I am pleased to see Gerald Wenner and Elwood Hedberg receive promotions which they most certainly deserve. Wenner, who has been well known in the banking business here in Ashland since 1920, has a splendid background of experience. He is thoroughly familiar with our community and with the most modern banking methods."

McCoy Well-Known Banker

McCoy has been identified with the banking business in Ashland since 1907. When the First National bank of Portland took over the First National bank of Ashland in 1937, he was appointed branch manager. Wenner, who started with the First National bank of Ashland 20 years ago, has been assistant manager of this branch since 1937. C. E. Hedberg, assistant cashier, who now becomes assistant manager of the Ashland branch, first joined the bank in 1923.

McCoy is one of Oregon's best-known bankers. He was born in Golconda, Ill., and started his business life as a jeweler. His banking career began in 1903 at Norton, Kan., where he was assistant cashier of the First National bank until 1907. Coming to Oregon he became assistant cashier of the Bank of Ashland and the U. S. National bank, its successor, and in 1910 became cashier of the U. S. National and First National bank when they were consolidated in 1914.

During the World war he was active in the sale of war bonds and the Red Cross drive. He is a past president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Oregon Bankers' association, heading the organization in 1925-26. He was chairman of the association's taxation committee in 1936-37 and did an outstanding job. Last year he was a member of the insurance committee of the association, which he helped organize in southern Oregon. Twice McCoy has been elected state vice president for Oregon in the American Bankers' association.

Ashland Students Aid In War-Victim Relief

Public school students of Ashland this week have been filling small can-banks with pennies for the hungry and homeless war-stricken children in other lands as part of the children's crusade for children week, April 22 to 30, inclusive.

Each child and student in public schools of Ashland are being asked—not compelled—to give as many pennies as years they are old, or anything down to a cent, and the money will be forwarded to Citizens National bank in Emporia, Kan., from whence it will be turned over to a jury of award headed by Eleanor Roosevelt.

Rodeo Boss!



VIGGO LASSEN, above, comparative newcomer in Ashland business circles and a partner of the slaughter house and meat market holdings of the late Christian Petersen, has taken over reins of Ashland's second annual rodeo. The event, which was unusually successful as main feature of last summer's July 4 celebration, again will be a one-day affair and will be staged on the high school field. Serving with Lassen and aiding in the work of rounding up bucking horses, steers, riders and special events are Hugh Barron, Ben Christlieb, Jack Lucas, Ebe Dunn and J. Miller.

What Makes Grass Grow Tall? Just Ask Man Who Mows It!

NOWHERE on earth, according to sweating lawnmower pushers, is soil as prolific as in Ashland. Especially during spring months when the ground is so saturated that city employees punch holes below town to let the water out.

One local back yard nurseryman claims his grass grows so fast he turns sheep onto the lawn at night to keep the grass down to mowing length during the day. Another declared he caught tall blades reaching over and helping up the little ones in his lawn this week. One explains unusual fertility of his soil to regular spreadings of Editor's Last Word clippings.

Of course Ashland grass grows fastest where complaining husbands gather around for a discussion of their problems and start comparing notes. And although unusual ambition of grass here the year around is a scientific fact, most vivid descriptions come from local fishermen who are properly gifted at understatement.

Slash Green Fees At Ashland Golf Course

Golf trustees Tuesday night voted to slash green fees on the Ashland course to 25 cents for nine holes per player, but left the all-day rate of 50 cents for any week day.

Trustees and golfers are becoming active in a campaign to promote use and interest in the local course, where improvements have been made to continue it as one of the prime recreational assets of the community.

SOFTBALL SKED TO BE OUTLINED HERE TONIGHT

STARTING at 7:30 o'clock tonight, April 26, Ashland Softball association officials and team representatives will meet briefly in the high school building to arrange tentative playing schedule, issue and regulate player contracts and formally determine whether six or eight teams shall constitute the league for this summer.

In a preliminary session Tuesday night team representatives named Bill Snider president of the association, Clyde Young vice president and Larry Hunter secretary-treasurer. Leighton Blake, field supervisor and playground instructor for the summer, was present to confer with the group, and regular state softball rules, with possible local ground rule alterations, were adopted.

Seven Teams Available

Teams definitely indicating entry included Elks, Dodgers (Groceries-Ingle Drug), Pine Box company, Talent, Miner Press and Hilt, Calif., while Jack Kennitzer was present to enter a team for Southern Oregon College of Education in case an eighth outfit was entered. Dom Provost indicated he might sponsor the final team to complete a balanced loop. Final disposition of the question was left for tonight's session.

Teams were represented at the Tuesday meeting as follows: Elks, Harry Morris; Dodgers, Bob Ingle; Pine Box, R. I. Flaharty; Talent, Bert Simmons; Miner Press, Leonard Hall; Hilt, Frank Ward, and SONS, Kennitzer. School board, which has three representatives as members of the softball association, was represented by Theo J. Norby, Frank Davis and Frank Van Dyke.

School Supt. Norby indicated that toilet facilities would be provided on the field during the summer, and also made a number of suggestions relative to an elaborate opening night's program, purchase of new bases and other equipment.

Tonight's meeting of officials and team representatives also will eye reports of ground rules in other southern Oregon communities regarding wearing of metal spikes, details of inter-city game arrangements and other questions.

Music Program Will Parade Best Talent Of Ashland Schools

Friday evening, May 3, was the date set aside for the second annual combined high and junior high school music program, according to Supt. Theo J. Norby. The program will start at 8 o'clock, with selections by the Washington school orchestra, followed by the high school girls' glee club, junior high orchestra, junior high chorus, high school boys' glee club, junior high band, high school a capella choir and the high school orchestra.

The Washington school orchestra will be directed by Eunice Hager, junior high orchestra by Maxine Conover, high school and junior high vocal groups by Harriett Hill, and the junior high band and high school orchestra by Ward Croft.

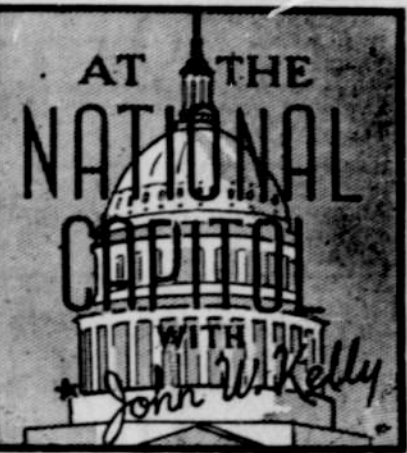
OVERCROWDING COSTS

George Hazlett, Portland man, was fined \$1.50 and assessed \$2.50 costs in Ashland police court by Judge C. O. Presnall Thursday on a charge of operating a vehicle with four persons in the front seat.

July 4 Head!



R. I. FLAHARTY, above, is general chairman of Ashland's July 4 celebration committee and is pushing plans for an even bigger and better Independence day observance. He succeeds H. L. Claycomb, and is owner-manager of the Pine Box company and a prominent civic figure.



WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.

Peeler logs, choicest trees of Douglas fir forests in Oregon and Washington, are the mainstay of the plywood industry. These logs are being exported, processed and, in many instances, shipped back to the United States to compete with the product of local plywood mills. For a year efforts have been made to have congress enact a law curbing the exportation of peeler logs. The senate has passed such a bill and hearings now are being held by a house committee. The peeler log business is important, giving employment to thousands of workers in the Pacific northwest. It is realized, however, that when peeler logs are shipped out of the country the cream of the forest resource is being turned over to foreigners and gradually reducing the available supply which is required for American plywood plants and the workers therein.

In the last six fiscal years \$53,387,830 has been distributed to the farmers of Washington and Oregon through Triple A of the department of Agriculture. Of this sum Washington received \$32,492,656 and Oregon \$20,895,174. This is but one source of government money which has been poured into the Pacific northwest. Under the farm security administration in the past four years Washington has received \$577,986 and Oregon \$1,202,252. These contributions are for resettlement projects.

With a single exception, every member of the house of representatives from Washington and Oregon is supporting a new pension proposal. This is to furnish pensions for the widows and orphans of World war veterans, regardless of whether death was service connected. It is estimated that if the bill becomes law it will require taxes of \$48,000,000 a year to meet the claims, providing all eligible apply for the pension, which they probably would. The sponsor for this pension proposal is a Mississippi congressman who served 90 days in the World war in a training camp. Chief opponent is a war veteran who is a member from California, his contention being that veterans already have been well taken care of.

Because of the apprehension of nut growers of the Pacific northwest that Brazil nuts will swamp the market since England now refuses to permit importation of the nuts, the federal tariff commission probably will make a study of Brazil nuts. The walnut control board has made this recommendation to the secretary of agriculture and the latter will request the President to issue an order for such investigation. The department (Continued on page 4)

MAYOR WILEY TO SEEK 3RD TERM; LISTS PLATFORM

YIELDING to persuasion of business men and friends, Mayor Thornton S. Wiley last week-end announced his intention to seek a third term in the fall general election. His platform will be based on Ashland's record of tax and debt reduction during his eight years in office, on his police, electric and water departments' records, and on continued efforts to make this a tax-free city.

In 1933, when he first assumed office, Mayor Wiley and his administration was faced with a bonded indebtedness of \$644,619, of which \$15,329 was city owned, leaving a net debt of \$629,290. Last financial report, as of Dec. 31, 1939, showed this obligation had been reduced to \$399,368, of which \$66,868 in bonds were city-owned, leaving a net debt of \$332,500. When Wiley took over the reins of municipal government \$8900 in delinquent water rent was on city books, which since has been cleared.

Wiley Outlines Plans

Mayor Wiley's ambition, if elected to another four-year term, is to push continuance of this record toward the goal of tax-free government. Also included in his announced plans are readjustment and reduction of city electric rates in confirmation with other utility organizations, securing action on straightening of the plaza highway bottle-neck, maintenance of a clean and attractive city, continued efficient law enforcement and realization of plans for new fire department quarters.

Less than a week previous to Mayor Wiley's announced candidacy, The Miner had editorially urged a "draft-Wiley" campaign and his statement of candidacy came as welcome news in Ashland, where he has established himself as one of the city's most popular public figures.

Chet Hughes To Open Produce Market Here

Chet Hughes, formerly in charge of the produce department of the Safeway store here, will open a new business, the Quality Produce market, Saturday morning.

The market will be located in the Swedenburg building formerly occupied by the Southern Oregon Gas company and will handle fresh vegetables and fruit exclusively.

The new proprietor pointed out that the specialty angle of his store will permit, through connections with the local trucking business, daily fresh supply of all seasonal fruits and vegetables.

SEEN IN A DAZE



HAROLD JOHNSON asking AL BROWER why the fatted calf was still on the hoof. WINSTON HOTELL, after seeking fish for several days, ad-libbing that "Not all suckers are in the creek."

ROY PARR directing CHESTER CORYY into LILLY'S on a bobcat hunt.

SHERM POWELL explaining finer points of the Townsend plan to CLIFF BROMLEY, who is for or agin' it, either or both, for longer and hotter arguments.

ARLIE WORRELL denying seamstress proclivities despite a dressmaker's sign to the contrary.

LAWRENCE (Death Valley) WILSON'S friends giving him a fabulous mining reputation.

ANN JORDAN returning from a fishing trip with the remark, "If you think that 31-pounder was big you should have seen the one I got away from!"

DR. C. A. HAINES using a stomach pump to drain water out of the creek to catch fish without getting his new leader wet.

TED (Red the Barber) HAMMOND going into the real estate business on a non-commissioned basis.

HARRY HURST, busy at a reupholstering job in his Lathia theater, deciding hip pockets would be the best thing to cover seats with.

Retiring Bank Manager, Two Who Move Up!



J. W. MCCOY, left, will resign his managership of the Ashland branch of the First National Bank of Portland May 1 after having served here since 1907. He will retire on salary until 1943, when he will be eligible for pension. Center is shown Gerald H. Wenner, assistant manager who will move up to manager May 1 and, right, is C. E. Hedberg, assistant cashier, who will be promoted to cashier by the move. Wenner joined the First National bank in 1920 while Hedberg joined the institution in 1923.