

TOO MANY motorists on the highway, who'd never think of using cheap gas in their cars, need a better grade of Hoyle.

This is the season of the year when southern Oregon folks who'd never have a portrait made are letting salmon and trout drag them by the hand up to the business end of a camera.

A well known radio program has been plugging a pseudo national anthem in hopes folks will take it to their hearts—and the sponsoring breakfast food to their stomachs.

Particularly during an election year, politics are based on a study of cause and defect.

Going to the dentist frightens most people, but still that's better than being able to take your teeth out with your fingers.

Concerning the war in Europe, either we can wash our hands of the whole affair or bathe in our own blood.

Von Ribbentrop's explanation of why Germany was forced to invade Norway was about as convincing as Prime Minister Chamberlain's yarn about why England didn't go to the assistance of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Finland.

When the European war first broke out, the wishful belief was that the German people would revolt against Hitler. The allies hoped internal strife would weaken their foe, but this week, with allied reverses in Norway, it appears that the English are quarreling among themselves and the Germans are more united than ever. And although most Americans want the allies to win, it is to be hoped they'll keep their seats and not rush into the ring just because their favorite fighter is taking a few punches.

Art (Hic) Powell, pilot of the Central Point American, mayor of his town and former school board member, is seeking the GOP nomination for county commissioner. Art is a pretty smart old codger, for a republican, and should make his party a good nominee.

Beginner Golfers To Get 'Free Day' With Instruction and Help

Ashland golf course trustees Tuesday night voted to throw open the local course free of charge to all junior and senior high school students Saturday, May 11, and on that day local divot diggers will be on hand to aid in providing transportation and equipment for playing. Pro Bill Hutchinson will advise young players on points and form and novice players, particularly, will be encouraged to appear and practice a few swings, play several holes or play all day, as lack of experience will be no hindrance to their enjoyment of the sport.

Theo J. Norby and Jean Eberhart were named to coordinate plans for the event.

Rail Bargains Will Aid Exposition Trip

When the Golden Gate International exposition reopens on Treasure Island May 25, Southern Pacific will be ready with a wide variety of excursion fares for travel to San Francisco, according to S. J. Bailey, local agent for the company.

The extensive array of transportation bargains is scheduled to go into effect May 1, he said, and will include coach, intermediate and first class roundtrip fares, also group fares for adults and school children from all stations on the railroad's Pacific lines.

In addition, the so-called "grand circle" fares have again been provided this year to enable tourists to see both the San Francisco and New York expositions on the swing around the country, with liberal stopover privileges en route, it was pointed out.

Lucille V. Smith 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)
"THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER"
"ETERNALLY YOURS"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"THE REAL GLORY"
(Wednesday and Thursday)
"YOUNG AS YOU FEEL"
"HERE I AM A STRANGER"
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

DIRECTORS TO PUSH EFFORTS FOR FESTIVAL

DIRECTORS of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association meeting in the Lithia hotel Tuesday night granted Angus L. Bowmer's request for a year's leave of absence, and will seek continued production of the summer festival week in the Elizabethan theater in Lithia park if suitable directorship can be secured. Among applicants for the job are Bill Cottrell, former assistant director under Bowmer, and Mrs. Bowmer, former art and costume director, who offer to handle the plays under approximately the same budget as last year.

'Hap' Gillette Ends 45 Years of Railroading To Earn Retirement

H. H. 'HAPPY' GILLETTE, Ashland yardmaster, retired Tuesday, April 30, from service with the Southern Pacific after nearly 45 years of employment. With the exception of two runs, one from Roseburg and the other out of Gerber, Calif., Gillette, who was born and raised in Ashland, always has worked here starting as a brakeman, after which he went on the road as a conductor and then became yardmaster in 1906.

Junior Netmen Blast Medforites Saturday

The Junior high tennis club pulled a surprise 4 to 3 victory out of the bag over the Medford Junior high tennis team Saturday morning. Medford previously had taken a stinging 7-0 win the week before.

Latourette Gets Boost By Oregon City Paper

Speaking of Howard Latourette, democratic national committee member running for reelection in the May 17 primaries, the Oregon City Banner-Courier had the following to say:
"For some reason the Commonwealth Federation does not like Howard Latourette, democratic national committeeman. Although Flavel is said to be fighting shy of an endorsement, it is understood that at the state gathering of Commonwealthers in Salem he will be picked as the favorite. Due to the revolt of democratic voters against Commonwealth dictation he may not be endorsed, but word will go out to 'get Latourette.'
"Latourette is up for reelection after having served one term in the position of national committeeman. Through some persons in power in Washington he has not been able to control patronage, but if he is reelected and a democrat again is chosen he will have the ear of the administration. From reports from all sections of the state there seem to be no doubts that Latourette will win."
"Clackamas county is particularly interested, as the national committeeman was born and raised in Oregon City, attended local schools and remained here for some years as a young man before taking up the practice of law in Portland."
● Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hogue recently returned from a trip to Ohio and Kansas.

Mayor Wiley Issues 'Clean Up' Edict For Coming Week Here

(A Proclamation by Mayor T. S. Wiley)
IN CONFORMITY with the campaign to clean up, beautify and improve the appearance of Oregon communities, I wish to urge all of our citizens to join in this statewide effort which is to be conducted during the week commencing May 6. A general paint-up, clean-up, and fix-up campaign in our city will improve morale, increase employment, help business and advertise Ashland.
We are glad to note the recent improvements in the business district. We also wish to commend the efforts of the Garden club in encouraging the planting of flowers and shrubs. Our desire is to maintain Ashland's reputation as one of our state's most attractive cities.
We urge each and every citizen to do his or her part by causing accumulated rubbish to be removed, by painting and repairing property where necessary, and by joining wholeheartedly in this special campaign to make Ashland more beautiful.
After all, our city is what we make it.

FLOWER THIEVES DRAW IRE HERE

A \$10 reward personally has been offered by Chief of Police C. P. Talent for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any vandals stealing flowers or shrubbery anywhere in the city. Tuesday morning a complaint was turned in by a resident at Liberty street and Siskiyou boulevard whose tulip bed had been completely ransacked and that, along with the report that several new shrubs recently set out in Lithia park had been stolen, climaxed the several complaints that have been turned in.
Chief Talent, reminding that three persons convicted of such vandalism here in the past were fined \$35 and costs, declared, "I have no patience with anyone who is so mean and thoughtless that he will tear out flowers which represent hours of work and immeasurable pride on the part of a householder. More than personal loss, the destruction of flower gardens means a black mark for Ashland and the police force will do everything in its power to apprehend these vandals, and we earnestly solicit aid of citizens."

Klamath Attorney To Address Grads Here

According to word from Theo J. Norby, city school superintendent, a Klamath Falls attorney, R. C. Groesbeck of the state board of higher education, will make the commencement address at the high school graduation exercises May 22.
G. A. Briscoe, former superintendent, will deliver a greeting speech to graduates.

Clean-Up Is Good Business!

[AN EDITORIAL]
Jackson county has an eye-appeal that surpasses any community within the entire United States. A comparison of our natural environment and resources with any part of America leaves us with all the advantage.
So in keeping we should maintain our physical plant—our homes, our public buildings, our farms to a similar degree of perfection.
It merely is good business to keep a home well painted, protected by incidental repair and improved by use of better gardens and ornamental foliage and trees. Ashland has the most beautiful natural setting in America, and we owe it to ourselves to keep our part of it—our homes—as beautiful as Nature's gift to us.
Just the little things—paint, a touch of color on lawns or porch, sweeping trees, well-kept outbuildings, are necessities for a beautiful city. We have every requirement at hand for a real campaign of home improvement—good materials, dealers with complete stocks, labor, money for improvement and home building.
And there is one advantage we can stress—every time you spend a dime or a hundred dollars on your home, you have made that money do double duty—make you a better home as a permanent investment, and circulate money through our entire community and business structure to keep labor at profitable employment.

PLAN THREE-DAY CELEBRATION OVER JULY 4TH

THURSDAY, July 4, will start a three-day week-end of fun and entertainment for Ashlanders and visitors, according to plans adopted Monday night by celebration committee members. Walter Leverette, Lee Ryan, I. F. Andres and Henry Metz were appointed to negotiate with property owners toward securing a suitable uptown site for the carnival which in the past has been located in Lithia park. Vacant lots across C street from the Allin Lumber company were under consideration.
Mayor T. S. Wiley was named honorary chairman of the celebration and Walter Leverette was elected vice chairman to assist R. I. Flaharty, who offered his resignation on a plea of conflicting business engagements.
Arrangements for incorporation of a sales event with the celebration were referred to the decorations committee, headed by Metz and his partner, Floyd Richards.
Main features of the celebration will be a huge street parade and rodeo to be staged on the Ashland high school athletic field. Other events of particular interest will include children's games, soap box derby, dance, fireworks, bathing beauty contest, picnics in Lithia park, softball, baseball, wrestling card and a theatrical presentation in the outdoor Elizabethan theater.
Total budget for the celebration will approximate \$2000, with more than \$300 of this amount to be earmarked as prizes for entrants in the rodeo's bucking, calf-roping, steer riding and cutting events.

Medford Craters To Christen New Field Saturday Evening

Medford's State league Craters, rained out of their season opener at Albany last week, will meet Jack and Jill's Tavern nine of Portland on the fairgrounds diamond in Medford Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, May 4 and 5.
The grandstand at the new field has undergone thorough renovation and the playing field has been put in excellent shape. A complete lighting system is being installed for night play.
Paul Hoffard, manager of the Craters, had not decided, at a late date, who would get the mound call for his club but said that possibly Jimmy Rego, formerly with the Pacific Coast league, will pitch Saturday night with red-headed Steve Crippen working on Sunday.

PORTER-WALKER NUPTIAL

Helen Porter and Harvey Walker, both of Ashland, were united in marriage April 29 in Reno, Nev. Following a short wedding trip they are making their home in the Enders apartments here.

MEN OUTGRADE WOMEN AT SOCC IN WINTER TERM

Men students at Southern Oregon College of Education had a higher grade point average for the winter quarter than did the women students, according to Registrar Marshall E. Woodell. The combined average for the men was 2.46, while the same average for the women was 2.41.
According to available records, this is the first time that the men have ever exceeded the women in scholarship.

TWO GET TRAFFIC FINES

Earl Chester Olson, Kernville, Ore., was fined \$2 and \$4.50 court costs when he appeared in Justice of the Peace M. T. Burns' court Monday charged with lack of operator's license. Ruben Arthur Huff, Yoncalla, posted \$7 bail when arrested by state police for lack of a muffler on his car.

The Rev. and Mrs. David Treston of Klamath Falls were weekend guests at the J. E. Gowland home.

Girds for Race!



COUNTY COMMISSIONER RALPH BILLINGS, candidate for republican nomination for county judge, is shown above partaking of health-giving water of lithia fountain on the plaza as he was girding for strain of final two weeks of the campaign. Ashland residents are proud of both their famous mineral water and Billings, a prominent citizen and popular neighbor.

GOLFERS PLAN OPEN TOURNEY

Golfers from southern Oregon and northern California have been invited to participate in the low-medal open tournament opening the 1940 summer season at the Ashland golf course Sunday, May 5. The tourney will be a combination event offering low-medal competition with three awards in each of the amateur and professional divisions. A blind-bogey tournament will be drawn in various flights and also a two-man best ball play award. Play will be in order on an 18-hole basis throughout the day. Hubert Bentley, Ashland's golf champion, will represent Ashland and other big names in southern Oregon and northern California will be present.
Entertainment will be provided for those who do not play and everyone is invited to visit the course Sunday and participate in the season's first big tournament.

Second Annual Spring Music Festival Opens In Junior Gym Tonite

The second annual spring music festival for all Ashland public schools will open at 8 o'clock tonight, May 3, in the Junior high auditorium. Three hundred students will participate and will include choruses, glee clubs and orchestras from the high school and junior high, Washington and Lincoln grade schools. In tryouts held during the SOCE music festival, the high school boys' glee club received a superior rating, which is highest given, while the chorus received an excellent rating.
The Christmas music event and the spring program are the only two sponsored by city schools each year and tonight's feature is the only one from which revenue is derived for the benefit of the music departments.
Eunice Hager will lead the Washington school musicians, Maxine Conover the junior high orchestra, Harriett Hill the high school vocal groups and Ward V. Croft the high school orchestra.

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BASEBALL WILL MAKE BOW HERE 2:30 P.M. SUNDAY

THE Southern Oregon Baseball league will get under way Sunday, May 5, with the Ashland-Talent team meeting the Crescent City Merchants on the high school diamond. Opening pitch will be at 2:30 p. m. sharp.
As an opening day feature the merchants of Ashland will donate prizes for various feats of the day such as the first single, first home run, first out, first walk and other events.
Co-manager Al Simpson of the A-T's declared that his club is in fairly good condition as the result of stiff practice sessions and should give the coast city lads a busy afternoon. Dick Skeeters, regular catcher, may start on the bench Sunday because of injured ribs received in the Grants Pass clash. In the event he is unable to play, Al Simpson will start behind the plate. Frank (Nig) DiSordi, fireball pitcher who was the mainstay of last year's squad, will start on the mound with Skinny Wilson, George Bullion and Wayne Combest on hand for relief duty. Delbert (Tiny) Jones is slated for first base with Collin Moore at second, Howard Jandreau at third, Bob Strickland at the short patch and Don Montgomery, Eddie Joannis, Ed Leaming and Charlie Warren as fielders.
Crescent City always has been a hot rival for Ashland but Simpson and Charlie Skeeters, other half of the managing duo, are confident that Sunday will be their A-T's auspicious beginning. Ralph Deo, veteran righthander, is reportedly ready to start as pitcher for the coast club, and will be flanked by most of last year's Crescent City stars.

Trio Chosen for Trip To Legion Boy State

Boys chosen for the American Legion state encampment to be held in August on the Reed college campus near Portland are Donald Wilcox, LaMar Ormond and Charles Deisman. Alternates selected are Ardis Warren, Delmar Bohn and Robert Broil.
All expenses for the trip to Boys' State will be paid by the Ashland post of the American Legion.

● The Bellview P-TA executive committee will hold a special meeting in the school house this afternoon, May 3.
● Bert Wade is confined to his home by asthma.

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