

A PEACE TREATY nowadays is just a bunch of words that go in one year and out the other.

Folks who wondered why Admiral Byrd went traipsing off into the frozen solitude of the South Pole now are beginning to admire his foresight.

Two fairs will open tomorrow—one on Treasure Island, the other in New York City—demonstrating that under-armed Americans believe in preparedness at least for the pleasant things in life.

Democracies are said to be losing ground because they are unfit to stand the competition of totalitarian governments, but any country that can survive national elections every four years ought to be able to weather anything.

Americans have suffered the tortures of war right along with their European cousins. Important battles have been raging up and down every bar, every restaurant counter and across every bridge table with telling effect. And the fellow who can't even win an argument at home generally considers himself a military authority, and over here the side with the most loquacious sympathizers comes out on top.

Typical war communique: Today we downed 40 enemy planes while losing but one kite, a small box model which a boy got tangled in some phone wires.

Graduation exercises are being held in Ashland schools and the college now and it is only with resolute optimism that commencement speakers can welcome the students into the world, such as it is.

And the fellow who first invented the wheel, forerunner of modern mechanization, must be doing a little turning over himself these days.

When men overdrink they see snakes and, according to democrats, when snakes get drunk they see republicans.

Generally it's the fellow who dove back there for cover who finds himself behind the eight-ball.

With all this talk about fifth columns, The Miner hastens to advise readers it is a six-column paper. (Whew! that was a narrow squeak!)

Clark Wood, the Weston Leader editor, is so intemperate himself he thinks plaster-of-paris is a French liquor.

The only time most folks see themselves as others do is before a mirror, where they have a tolerant audience.

SOFTBALL LOOP SCHEDULE SET

The Ashland softball schedule, already a week old, goes into its second week Monday night under the lights at the high school field with the Miner Press and Elks meeting in the first game at 8 o'clock and Talent and the Pine Boxers meeting in the second encounter of the evening at 9 o'clock.

- Remainder of the first-half schedule follows:
- May 27—Miner Press vs. Elks; Talent vs. Pine Box.
 - May 29—Miner Press vs. Varsity; Dodgers vs. Hilt.
 - May 31—Dodgers vs. Pine Box; Talent vs. Hilt.
 - June 3—Miner Press vs. Pine Box; Talent vs. Elks.
 - June 7—Dodgers vs. Varsity; Miner Press vs. Hilt.
 - June 10—Talent vs. Dodgers; Elks vs. Varsity.
 - June 12—Pine Box vs. Hilt.

For second-half schedule, the above listing will repeat on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

Roy Frazier 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)
"RAFFLES"
With David Niven and Olivia DeHavilland
plus
GENE AURY in "MOUNTAIN RHYTHM"
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

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NAME HEADS FOR SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL GROUP

AN annual meeting in the Lithia hotel Tuesday night members of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association named directors and executive committees for the summer season.

Directors named included Mrs. Etta Schilling, Walter Leverette, Dr. Walter Redford, J. W. McCoy, Frank J. Van Dyke, Mrs. Harvey A. Woods, Robert Dodge, Rev. J. H. Edgar, Morgan Cook, Angus Bowmer and Mrs. Theo J. Norby of Ashland and Mrs. Mabel Mack, Porter J. Neff, Mrs. Almus Pruitt, Miss Gertrude Butler, Mrs. James Stevens, Mrs. Alex Sparrow, Mrs. Charles Lemery, Mrs. H. Chandler Egan, Frank Hull, E. H. Headrick and Leonard Carpenter of Medford.

Board of directors then elected an executive committee including Walter Redford, president; Leonard Carpenter, vice president; F. J. Van Dyke, secretary; J. W. McCoy, treasurer; William Cottrell, director; Lois M. Bowmer, art director; Walter Leverette, business manager; Mrs. H. Chandler Egan, Medford ticket chairman; Mrs. H. M. Schilling, Ashland ticket chairman, and Dean Pieper, managing secretary.

The following committee heads were appointed by President Redford: Dr. R. E. Poston, building and grounds; Miss Gertrude Butler, social events; Mrs. J. W. Wright, interrelations; Robert Dodge, housing; Theo J. Norby, actor employment for Ashland, and Eugene Thorndyke, actor employment for Medford.

'Our Town' Acclaimed As Best of SOCE; To Play Again Tonight

The College Players of Southern Oregon College of Education, under the direction of Angus L. Bowmer, presented their first performance of a two-day series of "Our Town" before an attentive audience Thursday night in the college auditorium. The production will be repeated there again tonight.

The play, written by Thornton Wilder, was a smash hit on Broadway and only recently has been available on royalty basis. It is very different from most productions inasmuch as it uses no scenery or stage property, the action being centered around a stage manager.

The show, said by critics of last night's performance to be one of Bowmer's best so far, will be presented again tonight, starting at 8:15 o'clock in the auditorium.

Charles Sturgill Gets SOCE Student Body Presidency for '40-41

At annual election of student body officers Friday, May 17, the following were elected to take office in September of this year:

President, Charles Sturgill of Ashland; vice president, Ralph Lamb of Eagle Point; secretary, Corinne Harwood of Medford; treasurer, Leslie Segsworth of Ashland; pep promoter, Harold Grow of Eagle Point; social chairman, Kenton Robbins of Ashland, and editor of the Siskiyou, Harold Baughman of Ashland.

Communist Ticket



OPENING their presidential convention in New York Thursday, May 30, the Communist party is expected to nominate Earl Browder, left, and James W. Ford, Harlem Negro, for president and vice president, respectively. Browder now is at liberty on bail pending an appeal from a federal passport violation conviction.

10-Gallon Hats Will Plug Rodeo as Part Of Ashland Shindig

EVERYONE from the mayor of Ashland to softball team bat boys will be wearing big 10-gallon cowboy hats during the three-day July 4 celebration, according to announcement at a celebration committee meeting Wednesday night.

CLOSE MARGINS MARK PRIMARY BALLOT TOTALS

PURCHASE of the Ashland golf course, which was the feature attraction here during the primary elections Friday, May 17, proved to be a thrilling race from start to photo finish. Not until last returns were tabulated could voters determine how their balloting had resulted. Final count gave 762 votes in favor of purchasing the 97-acre tract, and 716 ballots were marked against the proposal, leaving a majority of 46 for the charter amendment to expend not more than \$6000 for the links.

Despite a heavy Ashland vote for their favorite son, J. B. Coleman of Medford defeated County Commissioner Ralph Billings of this city in a race for republican nomination for county judge by a margin of 14 votes in one of the closest races ever made for a county office. Coleman polled 2763 votes to Billings' 2749.

Friends of Billings, because of the narrow margin of victory expressed the view that a recount would be sought but Billings made no comment.

Ashland Dairyman Ahead
E. B. Poyer, Ashland dairyman, defeated Otto J. Caster of Phoenix in the democratic race for nomination for county commissioner by a vote of 1453 to 1295. Theirs was the only contest for county office on the democratic ticket.

George W. Neilson, incumbent deputy district attorney, defeated Joseph F. Fliegel for republican nomination for district attorney by a 678 vote majority. Official tab gave Neilson 3024 and Fliegel 2346.

Final count for republican nomination for county assessor gave C. A. Myers 3372 and Harry N. Lofland 1815.

For republican nomination for coroner Henry W. Conger of Medford defeated Frank Perl, also of Medford, 3199 to 2354.

County Clerk George Carter, republican incumbent, was unopposed on his race, as was County Treasurer Ralph Sweeney on the democratic ticket.

Art (Hic) Powell Wins
In the race for republican nomination for county commissioner, Arthur H. Powell of Central Point nosed out on top with 1338 votes. Gillman was second with 1199, followed by Iverson with 1089, Kubli with 1078 and Truax with 596.

On the nonpartisan ticket Roscoe Larson of Medford was defeated by County School Supt. C. R. Bowman of Ashland, incumbent, by a majority of 1316 votes.

On the nonpartisan ticket Herbert K. Hanna and Don R. Newbury topped the field of four to place in the runoff during fall general elections for the circuit judge post of the Jackson and Josephine district. Trailing Newbury by only a few votes was W. T. Miller, while Frank Newman, district attorney of Jackson county, finished a poor fourth. The total vote for the two counties was as follows:

Hanna	4,866
Newbury	3,512
Miller	3,295
Newman	1,905

According to the county clerk's office, 58 per cent of the registered voters of Jackson county cast ballots in the primary election which, according to political observers, was the highest on record for a primary.

ROSE GROWERS INVITED TO EXHIBIT PRIZE BUDS

Ashland rose growers were invited by Postmaster J. H. Fuller to contact him this week regarding entry in the postal employees' air mail rose show, which is a part of the annual Portland Rose festival June 6 and 7.

Fuller said that individual exhibitors from Ashland would be sponsored by the local post office.

ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Marking their second anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurst of the Lithia theater are presenting a program at special reduced prices for Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25.

Her High Note Opens Frisco Exposition



TO OPEN the San Francisco Golden Gate exposition Saturday, May 25, President Roosevelt will press a button in the White House. Then Susanna Foster, 15-year-old actress, will sing a note high enough that its vibrations will shatter a light beam, touching off an array of rainbow lights.

SUMMER SCHOOL 95 JUNIORS IN TO OPEN JUNE 10 GRADUATION

Dr. Walter Redford, president of Southern Oregon College of Education, announced this week that Lincoln school again would offer free summer instruction to boys and girls of southern Oregon. Children in primary, intermediate and junior high school grades may enroll from June 10 to July 19, inclusive. School will last one-half day, beginning at 9 a. m. and closing at 12 noon.

A selected group of children between the ages of four and five years will be permitted to attend the kindergarten conducted by Miss Lillian Nicholson, assistant professor of education at the college.

Parents who have children who will enter school this fall are urged to enroll their children in the first grade during the summer session as an introduction to school work. Children who will be able to enter school in the fall must have reached six years of age by November 15, 1940.

Buddy Poppy Sale Is Set for Saturday Here By VFW, Auxiliary

Saturday, May 25, auxiliary of the Walter A. Phillips post No. 3423 will sponsor the 19th annual Veterans of Foreign Wars poppy sale in Ashland.

Honoring the dead by helping the living is purpose of the sale and proceeds will be used for betterment of conditions among disabled ex-service men and their dependents in this community without discrimination by color, creed or nationality.

The VFW auxiliary has contributed to the development of a million dollar national home at Eaton Rapids, Mich., with the construction of a \$35,000 hospital and a \$65,000 community center building. The VFW home is located on a 640-acre Michigan farm in the valley of the Grand river.

County 8th Graders Here for Diplomas

The 19th annual graduation exercises for the eighth grade students of Jackson county were held at 10 o'clock this morning in the Junior high auditorium with about 300 young graduates receiving diplomas.

Dr. O. R. Chambers, psychologist from Oregon State college, delivered the graduation address and proved to be an entertaining speaker for both students and parents.

Program included address of welcome by Theo J. Norby, invocation by Dr. J. R. Turnbull, address by Dr. Chambers, presentation of diplomas by C. R. Bowman, county school superintendent, benediction by Rev. A. Morris Lotte, and musical numbers by an orchestra made up of pupils of Talent, Phoenix and Central Point, directed by Harry Meyers of Talent.

SCHOOL CLOSURES TODAY
Wednesday at 3:45 p. m. was official closing time for the Junior and Senior high school classes, and at 12:45 o'clock Friday afternoon, May 24, Washington and Lincoln grade schools will close, with summer vacation continuing until Sept. 9. Students will return to school today to receive final reports, but all school routine will be over by 2 p. m.

COMMENCEMENT RITES DRAW 1000 WEDNESDAY EVE

THE DOOR to high school education was closed and portals to institutions of higher learning were opened to 100 graduates of Ashland high school—98 of whom were present—Wednesday night when Mrs. H. M. Schilling, chairman of the board of education, presented them with diplomas in the annual commencement exercises held in the Junior high auditorium.

R. C. Groesbeck, Klamath Falls attorney, delivered the commencement address, "What the Years Teach," which was well received by an audience of 1000, which overflowed the auditorium. Groesbeck stressed the thought that one does not learn from books alone, but that experience is the major part of education. "A man always has the privilege of changing his mind," declared Groesbeck.

Joan Whitmore, senior girl with the highest grade average, gave an address, "And We'll Want to Be Happy," which was so well presented that it drew favorable mention by the commencement speaker. Frank King delivered the valedictorian speech and chose as his topic, "Intellectual, Industrial and Moral Education."

Theo J. Norby, city school superintendent, introduced George A. Briscoe who was paid a standing tribute for his many years service in Ashland. Briscoe, who has known most of the graduates since they first entered school, reminisced and advised the new alumnus they were acquiring one of the most important things in their lives—a high school diploma. "Without that sheepskin," said Briscoe, "you would not be admitted to a college or university; not even Hitler with all his mechanized forces, with all his guns, could open the doors for you."

The high school orchestra under the direction of Ward V. Croft played selections and the high school boys quartet and the girls sextet sang several numbers, directed by Miss Harriett Hill.

Class Presidents To Address Alumni In Elks Temple Tonite

Short talks by graduates from the first class of Ashland high school down to the present senior class prexy, Joe Burdic, will be a feature part of the entertainment during the annual alumni banquet starting at 6:30 o'clock this evening, May 24, in the Elks dining room.

According to Carl Brower, alumni president, an alumnus may bring one guest but no undergraduates will be allowed, as they will be guests of honor next year.

The dinner will be followed by a dance, with Steve Whipple's orchestra furnishing music.

SEEN IN A DAZE



PETER BARKER, awarded his twin DAVID'S diploma, remarking "And I suffered for 12 years to get this."

ARCH BARKSDALE, after being clipped back of the ear with a softball, quipping "This is the first time I ever felt stiff and still had a dry throat."

EDYTHE KANNASTO trying to look pleased and surprised over the wrong graduation gift, and succeeding at surprise.

DR. ARTHUR S. TAYLOR welcoming four high school graduating classes into the world.

SKEET O'CONNELL cleaning his last mess of fish with a fingernail file.

DOLLY DE SANTIS wavering between startle and fright while deciding whether a garden varmint was a slug or snake.

DARBY O'TOOLE slicing a piece of finger instead of cheese.

JOHNNY DAUGHERTY back at his THTH batting in the Hilt-Elks softball game.

HARRY TRAVIS quipping "Now wouldn't that floor you" as he gazed at his new inlaid.

MIKE WOLCOTT, CHARLIE DELSMAN, LEONARD HALL and AL BROWER winning the war for FRED CUSHING.

PRIZE LISTS UP FOR JULY FOURTH RODEO RIDERS

According to Viggo Lassen, chairman of the Ashland July 4 rodeo committee, the prize list for entrants in the second annual show will be larger by guarantee of pooled entrance fees and percentage prizes.

In the bareback riding event, on which no award will be made, each contestant will be paid \$2.50 and will be exempted from entrance fee.

A guarantee of \$292.50 in awards will be made, plus a division of all entrance fees among the winners. All entrants in any event will be urged to register and pay fees not later than the day before the rodeo—July 3—and registrations may be made at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce office.