

The Editor Speaking

WITH the fifth column scare being what it is, suspicious residents will be scanning the skies to see if that doubtful neighbor down the street goes to work by parachute.

Even the silent type of wife who seldom says a word to her husband gets in her share of smirk cracks.

And the fellow who jumped in to separate a fighting wife and husband only to have both their furies turned on him will best understand why this time the United States should stay out of Europe's quarrels.

Apparently the allies, remembering Hitler's Mein Kampf, now have lost faith in the adage that being forewarned is being forearmed.

With so much speculation as to Hitler's new secret weapon against which there is no defense, strange that no one has guessed commercial announcements over the radio.

Americans will have to take off their hats to their indefatigable politicians. Few months ago the tired-of-being-on-the-outside republicans were trying to capitalize on President Roosevelt's "warmongering" when he advised his people that a European war was imminent. Now the same GOP are trying to turn the allied rout in Flanders to a republican victory in November by claiming the New Deal has left us unprepared and unarmed for the turn of world events.

Should America ever be threatened with blockade, the most effective method for the enemy to starve us out would be to corner the can-opener market.

Jokes that get your goat usually smell like one.

Candidates during last few days have been filing campaign expense accounts for the recent blitzvote, which they now see was a blitzblow to their purses.

Portland's annual rose festival, which is nothing to be sniffed at, is being readied for the week-end.

Daylight saving time is being petitioned for Ashland, which would set ahead by one hour milk bottle rattling, motorcycle warm-ups, forty winks and resolutions to get to work on time tomorrow. The cussed neighbors' roosters would remain on standard schedule, which require arctic hours to thwart.

Young Housebreaker Gets Suspended Term

Ronald Montgomery, 16, was given a six months suspended sentence by City Judge C. O. Presnall in police court Monday on charges of entering the C. E. Lane residence on Siskiyou boulevard and stealing \$32 in cash.

Montgomery pleaded guilty to the charge and Police Chief C. P. Talent, who made the arrest, recommended leniency because it was a first offense. The boy, who worked as a carrier for the Tidings, had lost his wallet containing money belonging to his employer, he said, who deducted that amount from his earnings. Not wishing his aunt, who also is his mother by adoption, to know about it he broke into the Lane home and took cash.

The youth was tried under a misdemeanor charge to avoid having a felony charge registered against his name.

Talent traced the boy by a button torn from the sleeve of his jacket as he entered Lane's home through a small window.

Members of the embroidery club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Claude Conley, the hostess serving a 1 o'clock luncheon. The afternoon was spent at fancy work and all members except Mrs. Dott Williams were present. Mrs. R. D. Reynolds was an invited guest.

Sam Davies 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)
"VIVA CISCO KID"
"DR. KILDARE'S STRANGE CASE"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"PRIMROSE PATH"
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

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FESTIVAL WILL PRESENT FOUR PLAYS AUG. 9-17

DATES for the sixth annual Shakespearean festival, to be staged in the world's only civic outdoor Elizabethan theater here, have definitely been scheduled for Aug. 9 to Aug. 17.

Informational and advertising pamphlets were being distributed throughout the Pacific coast this week among chambers of commerce, tourist agencies, auto travel bureaus, while a complete canvass of the important centers of the midwest and on the eastern seaboard is planned.

With a new director, William David Cottrell, handling production work this season, current plans point to a more streamlined and modernized repertoire. The four selected plays are the more boisterous of Shakespeare's works and will be done in a smooth, breezy style. Chosen for this year's presentations are "As You Like It," "The Comedy of Errors," a holdover from last season's plays, "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Much Ado About Nothing."

Each play will be shown twice. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" opens the schedule on Aug. 9 and is given again Aug. 14. "Much Ado About Nothing" has been slated for Aug. 10 and 15; "The Comedy of Errors," Aug. 12 and 16, and "As You Like It" Aug. 13 and 17.

Preliminary castings will start in the auditorium of the Southern Oregon College of Education here the week beginning June 3 and will be under the direct supervision of Cottrell. Assisting him in the art and designing departments is Lois M. Bowmer. Definite rehearsal schedules will get under way as soon as the casting has been completed.

Census Figures Will Boost Ashland Total To Over 5000 Mark

According to Moore Hamilton, district census officer, the Ashland official count will be in excess of 5000, which will place this city's population ahead of that of Roseburg, which compared favorably with the Lithia city in the 1930 count in actual numbers and percentage of increase.

The 1940 census, complete for Roseburg, gives that city a total of 4854, an increase of 10.1 per cent during last 10 years.

SEVEN ASHLANDERS TO ATTEND CHURCH CONFAB

A five-car delegation, including seven Ashlanders and a group from Oregon City, will leave Ashland June 6 to attend the quadrennial assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Attending from Ashland will be Mayor and Mrs. T. S. Wiley, the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Kiemel, Miss Lois Wiley and the Rev. and Mrs. Bertrand Peterson.

SOCE ANNUAL READY

Because The Miner staff was occupied until late this week putting final touches on The Oregon Son, college annual for SOCE students, this paper was held down to four pages today. The annual, a 54-page book, will feature special colored wire spiral binding, an innovation in local annual publications, and will be ready for distribution Saturday.

Daylight Saving Move Would Give Time For Recreation, Says Plan

J. MORGAN COOK, of Ashland, has launched circulation of a petition asking for a period of daylight saving time--up to now untried here--and reports many signatures.

The petition asks that a period of not more than 10 weeks, beginning at noon Sunday, June 9, be established for setting up clocks an hour in order that the working day will end earlier, "enabling Ashland residents to more fully enjoy their unusual recreational and scenic advantages."

Cook will present his petition to the city council when additional signatures have been secured.

SUMMER TERM AT SOCE OPENS ON JUNE 10TH

PRE-REGISTRATION for the first session of the summer term began at Southern Oregon College of Education May 22. This session will formally open with registration on June 10 and will last until July 19. The second summer session will begin July 22 and will end Aug. 23. Subjects required for certification for out-of-state teachers will be offered the first session. These courses are Oregon school law and Oregon system of education, and Oregon history.

A wide variety of courses for teachers of art, music and physical education will be offered. A large number of advanced courses in education carrying upper division credit transferable to any upper division institution also are scheduled to be given. Many courses are available for high school students wishing to begin their training this summer and for graduate students in both the teacher education and junior college curriculum, according to Registrar Marshall E. Woodell.

Allen King Is First To Answer Army Call

The first enlistment in the regular army from Ashland under the provisions of "preparedness requisition No. 1" was that of Allen H. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, 231 Van Ness avenue, according to Lieut. Col. H. D. Bagnall, Portland recruiting officer. Private King left Portland May 27 to join his regiment at Camp Ord, Calif.

King was accepted for enlistment by Staff Sergeant Willis S. Estep, Medford recruiter, and forwarded to Portland for final examinations as a field artillery candidate.

Original openings for recruits are available for several branches of the army for station at almost every post and camp in the west, the Colonel said.

AWS NAME OFFICERS

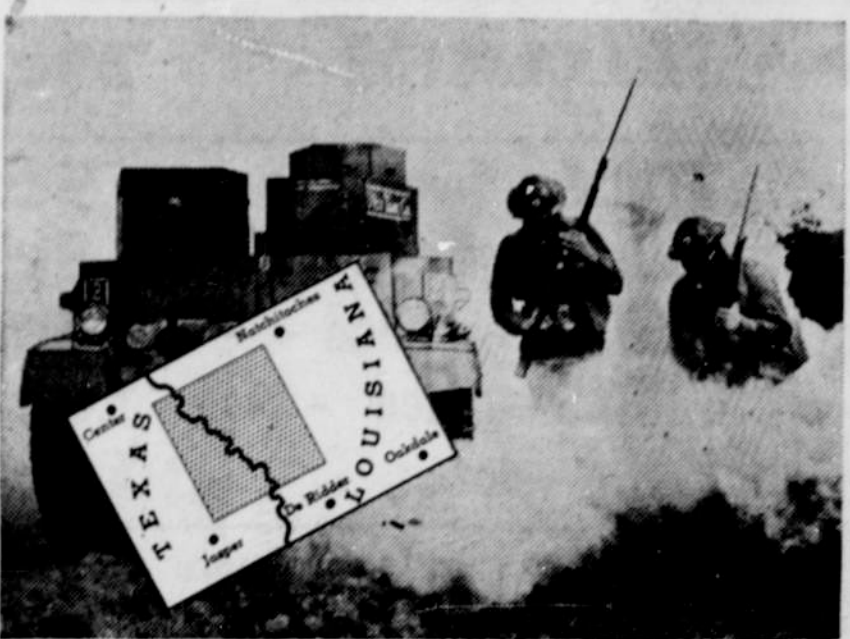
The Associated Women Students of Southern Oregon College of Education held their annual election of officers May 22. The successful candidates were: President, Hulda Rose, Medford; vice president, Leila Henderson, Medford; secretary, Jean Wall, Ashland; treasurer, Betty Dano, Marshfield, and sergeant-at-arms, Esther Wade, Ashland.

Open Bids for Giant 'Convertible' Liners



REAR ADMIRAL EMORY S. LAND, chairman of the maritime commission, examines a miniature of the newly designed liner that can be converted into a fully equipped airplane carrier. Bids on two such liners, displacing 30,000 tons and 760 feet long, were opened this month by the maritime commission. They will be the largest ships ever built in an American shipyard.

Army Begins Huge War Games in South



SIXTY-SEVEN thousand men, 2500 airplanes and all types of fighting equipment are participating in America's most extensive peacetime army maneuvers which opened May 13 in a sparsely settled area of Texas and Louisiana. Map shows general section where games are being held. Residents of Ashland, during last few days, also were witnesses of army maneuvers as five motorized columns passed through this city in five days enroute north to Fort Lewis, Wash., from Monterey, Calif. About 250 vehicles comprised each column of the third division, United States army.

Medford Mis. to Rule Over Shakespeareans Here During August

A PRETTY 19-year-old Medford miss, Mary Elizabeth Shreve will reign over the sixth annual Shakespearean festival in Ashland during August as the official "Queen Elizabeth." It was made known this week.

Three princesses, one from here, another representing Klamath Falls and a third representing Grants Pass will comprise the court and the quartet will constitute the good-will ambassadors of the festival. Selection of the princesses is underway and names will be available late this week.

A series of tours throughout the major cities of Oregon and northern California is planned, along with a possible special appearance at the Centennial celebration in Salem the latter part of July and the first of August.

In Salem the queen and her court will formally interview Gov. Charles A. Sprague and other dignitaries and will extend a personal invitation to attend this season's productions. Full Elizabethan costume of 300 years ago will be worn by Miss Shreve during the tours. The streamlining phases of production work, however, will be passed on to the costumes of the attendants.

A-T NINE HOSTS TO GOLD HILL IN WEEK-END TILT

THE Ashland-Talent baseball club returns to their home diamond at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon when they will meet the Gold Hill Beavers on the Ashland high school field. It will be the first home appearance of the A-T's since their crushing 11-2 defeat of Roseburg.

The Beavers hold a league win over the Medford Rogues and the local nine was victorious over the Medford aggregation in a pre-season tilt. However, the A-T's dropped a tough 5 to 2 decision to Medford last Sunday. Manager Charlie Skeeters of the locals could not be reached at a late hour for starting lineup dope and Co-Manager Al Simpson would not name the possible starters without consulting Skeeters. The club will engage in a brisk workout here this afternoon, however, in their effort to prepare for another big day at bat.

Other league games send Grants Pass to Roseburg and Medford to Crescent City.

Bud Reinking, Medford shortstop ejected from last Sunday's Ashland-Medford game, along with Nig DiSordi of the A-T's for fighting after DiSordi allegedly tagged the runner too hard after fielding a ball, suffered a fractured arm in the squabble, it was revealed by the Rogue management Tuesday. He will carry the appendage in a cast for about three weeks and will be out of baseball for a month.

AHS IN SUMMER CLASSES

Summer school for high school students wishing to make up work or earn extra credits will open at the high school building at 9 a.m. Monday, June 3, according to Washington school principal Eldon Cortbell.

PUSH BELGIAN RELIEF DRIVE FOR ASHLAND

DRIVING toward their quota of \$600, Ashland Red Cross workers have been busy this week soliciting funds for special relief of Belgian and Dutch war victims. J. W. McCoy, well known Ashland banker, has been named chairman of the local subscription committee and is being assisted by Wirt M. Wright, Dr. Walter Redford, Homer Billings and the Rev. J. H. Edgar.

Because delay was experienced in launching the drive here, Ashland canvassers were a week late in starting their errands of mercy, but business district was covered Wednesday, while volunteer contributions are being taken by the First National bank, Broady's Drug store, Ingle Drug company, East Side pharmacy, McNeil Brothers drug store, Lithia hotel and the Daily Tidings. Donors who have not been contacted are urged to leave their contributions for war relief at any of those places.

The Ashland quota of \$600 in the special drive is part of the Jackson county goal of \$2400. The national figure being sought has been doubled to \$20,000,000 since extent of war damage and suffering has been determined in the lowlands. The American Red Cross, as in the last great war, is assuming its traditional role of succor and mercy for the distressed and homeless refugees of war's devastation.

Unless house-to-house solicitation becomes necessary to reach their quota, Ashland workers will depend on voluntary contributions and all residents are being urged by McCoy to leave their donations, however small, at one of the business points listed.

GOLFERS ENJOY POTLUCK

About 60 golfers enjoyed a large potluck dinner and free playing at the Ashland golf course Sunday, where play and fun was the keynote. Golfers from various points in southern Oregon and northern California, as well as from Vancouver, Wash., were registered during the day.

Arthur Hamaker of Ashland visited at the Archie Kincaid home Friday evening.

SEEN IN A DAZE



MATTIE, GERTIE and GERRY serving as the Dodger Auxiliary during the last softball games.

GEORGE D. L. SMITH yelling "Hey! you forgot your fishing pole!" at the Varsity screen during a movie sequence.

NED CATE, late in the afternoon, learning that Memorial day wasn't Sunday.

Hilt fans dubbing EARL (Tub) SCHILLING "Little Sir Heckle."

EDDIE JOANIS clipping a bouquet of roses for the softball umpires so he can see the color of the first-baseman's eyes.

CLARENCE SHAFFER rubbing noses with an Oregon eskimo.

LEE RYAN muttering (after reading latest war dispatches) that ocean water makes him seasick.

BETHEL HART in a grim straggle with a horse, the animal apparently winning the toss.

EDDIE BARRON being very impressed with a character called Butterfly McQueen in "Gone with the Wind."

MILLARD GRUBB trying to recover from an appendectomy in time to take advantage of his position as delegate to the Shrine convention.

HEADRICK (Paddy) BAUGHMAN surprised at a myriad of new sights since acquiring a pair of glasses.

KEN MADDEN being enthusiastic over alumni banquets and suggesting one a week.

CLYDE YOUNG being reminded by BEN FORSYTHE of turkeys he swiped back in 1920 to feed a visiting basketball team.

LARRY HUNTER allowing at the alumni banquet as how it's "if heck of a lot safer watching the new grads dance than getting out on the floor and keeping out of their way."

SUMMER SCHOOL TO OFFER HELP

The summer session at Lincoln school, sponsored by Southern Oregon College of Education, will open June 10 and will continue for six weeks until July 19. Ashland parents are extremely fortunate, according to Theo J. Norby, superintendent of Ashland public schools, to be able to help provide their boys and girls further worthwhile experience under the direction of competent instructors.

Education is growth and therefore opportunities are provided for children of all grade levels as well as abilities in various subjects to profit from this experience. Provision is made for children of pre-primary, primary, intermediate and junior high school ages. The instruction is provided during mornings from 9 o'clock to noon and is free.

This school makes it possible for boys and girls to participate in a great variety of activities such as reading, arithmetic, art, music, physical education and the social studies.

Flames Destroy Home On Meade Street Here

The home of Mary Oederkirk, 199 Meade street, was totally destroyed Sunday by a fire which apparently started from an overheated stove. According to Fire Chief Clint Baughman Miss Oederkirk had taken some baby chicks into the house and started a fire to warm them and then left for a show.

Ten dollars in currency and coin hidden in books was retrieved after flames subsided. The property is owned by Portland people and the house was protected by some insurance, but its contents were uninsured and a total loss.

Ashland Groups In Memorial Day Rites

The Ashland city band, followed by Battery B and the American Legion and color bearers led representatives of Ashland patriotic organizations and veterans in a short parade from the city plaza to Mountain View cemetery yesterday morning in commemoration of Memorial day.

The ceremony, carried on under overcast skies, was well attended. Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, legion member, was in charge of the program. All Ashland business houses and the post office were closed during the day.

Medford Craters Will Be Hosts to Bend Nine

Medford's Craters will be hosts Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, June 1 and 2, to the Bend Elks in an Oregon State league series at the Medford fairgrounds park. The Elks have split games with Hills Creek, dropped two to Albany and trimmed Jack and Jill twice to reach the .500 mark in league standings.

The Craters have released Burnell Ball and catcher's duties now are being handled by Tommy Hawkins with Ted Kerr, shortstop and outfielder, as possible relief man.

The Saturday night game will get under way at 9 o'clock.