

WITH dictators dealing aces off the bottom of the deck, many observers are wondering what Stalin has up his sleeve besides a dirty elbow.

Trouble in Mexico is anticipated during the July elections but America's lack of military preparation need not worry us there. All we need for acquiescence from our neighbors to the south would be a sabre-rattling flight of two or three Jenny biplanes with CAA pilots and a string of firecrackers.

The last world war was remembered, in part, by patriots who rechristened hamburger "liberty steak" and world war II probably will transform spaghetti into liberty noodles.

Preparedness is becoming the keynote of this government and the ladies, bless 'em, now will have some company at keeping their powder dry.

Even though he referred to rain during a Weston picnic as "harmless globules of moisture," Clark Wood still didn't know enough to come in out of it.

And as we prepare for war The Miner hastens to suggest Wood's Weston Leader column as our first line of offense.

Trouble with making resolutions is few people realize how long never can be.

Most folks find it pretty easy to believe the allies "just can't lose," but when it comes to explaining how they're going to win that's time to change the subject.

What Mayor Carson of Portland insists was an effort to sabotage the famous Battleship Oregon turned out to be nothing more than a slaking of thirst for the old veteran.

Now that Europe is aflame with total war, death totals are expected to make a livid scar on history's pages.

Armies may travel on their stomachs, but Hitler's mechanized forces are hardly taking time out for lunch these days.

The congregation now will please put down their rope, tar and feathers and sing "God Bless America" before resuming their fifth-column hunting of each other.

ADD WRESTLING TO JULY 4 SHOW

Wrestling fans of southern Oregon and northern California will be treated to a special holiday all-star card by Promoter Mack Lillard in Ashland's outdoor theater in Lithia park Thursday evening, July 4, according to announcement yesterday.

Lillard gave the celebration committee assurance that he would bring his mat matadors to Ashland for the Independence day celebration and indicated that he would search coast circles for the year's most outstanding card. First match will get under way at 8 p.m. July 4, with two other outstanding matches to follow.

Lillard also indicated that Prince Mehalikis, a well known wrestler, probably will give a diving exhibition at Twin Plunges on that day, including his famous fire dive and other unusual feats.

The celebration plans are shaping up rapidly, with the Cavalcade of the Siskiyou, gigantic pageant with a cast of 400 people, advancing ahead of schedule while parade plans, rodeo arrangements and other feature attractions are assuring Ashland of the greatest celebration in the city's history. Wooden nickels, to advertise the three-day event, should be ready for distribution within a few days and will furnish a novel publicity break for the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and Herbert Davis Sunday returned from Salem where Herbert Davis was a member of the graduating class at Willamette university.

Pearl Easterling 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 FLAG SPEAKS" "THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T TALK" "MARSHAL OF MESA CITY" (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "LITTLE OLD NEW YORK" Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

CASTING NEAR COMPLETE FOR PLAY FESTIVAL

REHEARSAL schedules for a 10 weeks period went into effect this week following selection of three complete tentative casts for the 1940 Shakespearean festival productions and the announcement that the final cast would be revealed this week.

Players have been selected for "As You Like It" and "The Comedy of Errors," both holdovers from last year, along with "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Under consideration are principals and supporting characterizations for "Much Ado About Nothing." Director William David Cottrell indicated that he would have a complete roster within a short time and that rehearsals will be undertaken afternoons and evenings up to Aug. 9, date of the first formal showing.

Costumes and designs were being assembled by Lois M. Bowmer, handling the art direction this season. Her departments are to start functioning and preparing authentic replicas of the attire of 350 years ago, with costumes for the entire cast to be completed by the latter part of July.

Castings Are Listed
So far the roster reads as follows: For "The Merry Wives"—Dick Farmer, Don Huffman, Delmar Solem, Don Shannahan, Douglas Hubbard, Maybelle and Winston Hotell, Morgan Cook, Joe Beach, Jimmie Baughman, Burk Yadon, Richard Schuchard, Guy Corliass, Clyde Dunham, Ralph Brickey, Katherine Denzer, Jean Schuler and Laura Jones holding the leads. Others: LeRoy Lindner, Gene Perry, Byer Putman, Carol Cook, Betty Rhodes, Elizabeth Fouch, Doris and Betty Danford, Eugene Bennett and Kent Robbins.

Tentative cast for "As You Like It"—Bill Westfall, LaMerle Beck Witt, Dorothy Lee, Ethel May Robinett, Ninon King, Doris Danford, Delmar Solem, Robert Shaw, George Smith, Phil Henseiman, Don Shannahan, LeRoy Lindner, Dick Farmer, Burk Yadon, Jimmie Baughman, Ralph Brickey. Others: Kent Robbins, Joe Beach, Don Huffman and Byer Putman. "The Comedy of Errors"—Gene Perry, Dick Farmer, Dick Schuchard, Jimmie Baughman, Kent Robbins, Doug Hubbard, Byer Putman, Don Shannahan, Delmar Solem, Marie Stokesberry, LaMerle Beck Witt, Harriet Uecker, Joe Beach, Doris Danford, Ninon King, Carol Cook, Betty Rhodes, Elizabeth Fouch.

Additional players are expected to join the troupe from other points along the Pacific seaboard within the next few days.

Ashland Students Get Diplomas from U of O

A record number of University of Oregon students, 771 in all, of whom 14 are from Jackson county, received diplomas and certificates at an impressive ceremony Sunday evening, June 9, when the institution held its 63rd annual commencement exercises in McArthur court.

Earle C. Canfield of Ashland received a bachelor of arts degree in arts and letters. A bachelor of science degree in business administration was conferred on Veada Ruth Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Hardy. Miss Hardy is affiliated with Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Alicia Mary Coggins of Ashland received a bachelor of science degree in music. A bachelor of science degree in education was conferred on Earl W. Rogers, Ashland, and Charlotte Wolters received a BA in music. Other students from Ashland who received degrees were James C. Voss, Frank D. Van Vliet and Margaret Louise Knox. Voss is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Voss, and the recipient of a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Van Vliet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Van Vliet and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, received a bachelor of science degree in economics. A bachelor of arts degree in English was conferred on Miss Knox, who is a member of Pot and Quill, women's creative writing honorary, and the daughter of Walter F. Knox of Ashland.

A-T'S THROW IN SPONGE

Because of poor attendance at local games and a general lack of interest, the Ashland-Talent Baseball team has disbanded for remainder of the 1940 season. As a result, the A-T game scheduled in Roseburg Sunday has been canceled.

Oscar Robert Snook, Klamath Falls, was arrested by a city officer Tuesday night for driving 70 miles an hour in city limits. Snook will appear in city court June 18 to answer charges of basic rule violation.

TESTS FOR DRY ICE PLANT GUSH LITHIA

DRILLERS FIND INDICATIONS OF SUFFICIENT GAS

AFTER drilling through 228 feet of cement-like dirt and hard rock at the city-owned lithia water property, Robert Burns and Rudolph Kuhn, drillers for F. J. Burnham, lessee of the property, struck a big gas gusher Monday and were treated to sight of gas and lithia water shooting skyward to a height of 28 feet.

The gusher, showing a decided increase in pressure and quantity over two other wells previously drilled on the property about three miles from the city limits, shoots water through a six-inch casing without use of a two-inch choke which had been used in the first two sinkings. All that is required to start the new gusher spouting is removal of a few pails of the mineral water from top of the well.

Burnham, who has leased the property from Ashland for a period of 49 years, said yesterday that it is his belief, after close observation of the three wells and from volume of gas issuing, that an adequate gas field with plenty of output can be developed here. If his belief is confirmed by further exploration, a 15 or 20-ton plant for the manufacture of dry ice and converting of the gas to liquid carbonic used in making aerated waters, will be constructed by Burnham.

A fourth well was spudded in Thursday and at quitting time a depth of 42 feet had been reached.

Ashland's Census Set At 4617 Final Count

According to Merle C. Stuart, supervisor of census stationed in Eugene, preliminary figures subject to correction list Ashland's population as 4617 as compared with 4544 in 1930.

The increase was but 73 persons, slightly under the first estimate given by Moore Hamilton, census supervisor, recently. Chamber of Commerce Pres. C. M. Litcher has asked Stuart for a check here.

PILUSO TO HEAD MONDAY'S CARD

Ernie Piluso, the classy Portland Italian-American, again will headline the weekly wrestling program at Medford armory Monday night when he faces the rough and tough Gold Hill Marine, Sgt. Bob Kennaston. Kennaston has been campaigning in southern California since leaving Medford several weeks ago and from all reports drifting up from the south, the former champion of the world did quite all right for himself in southern rings.

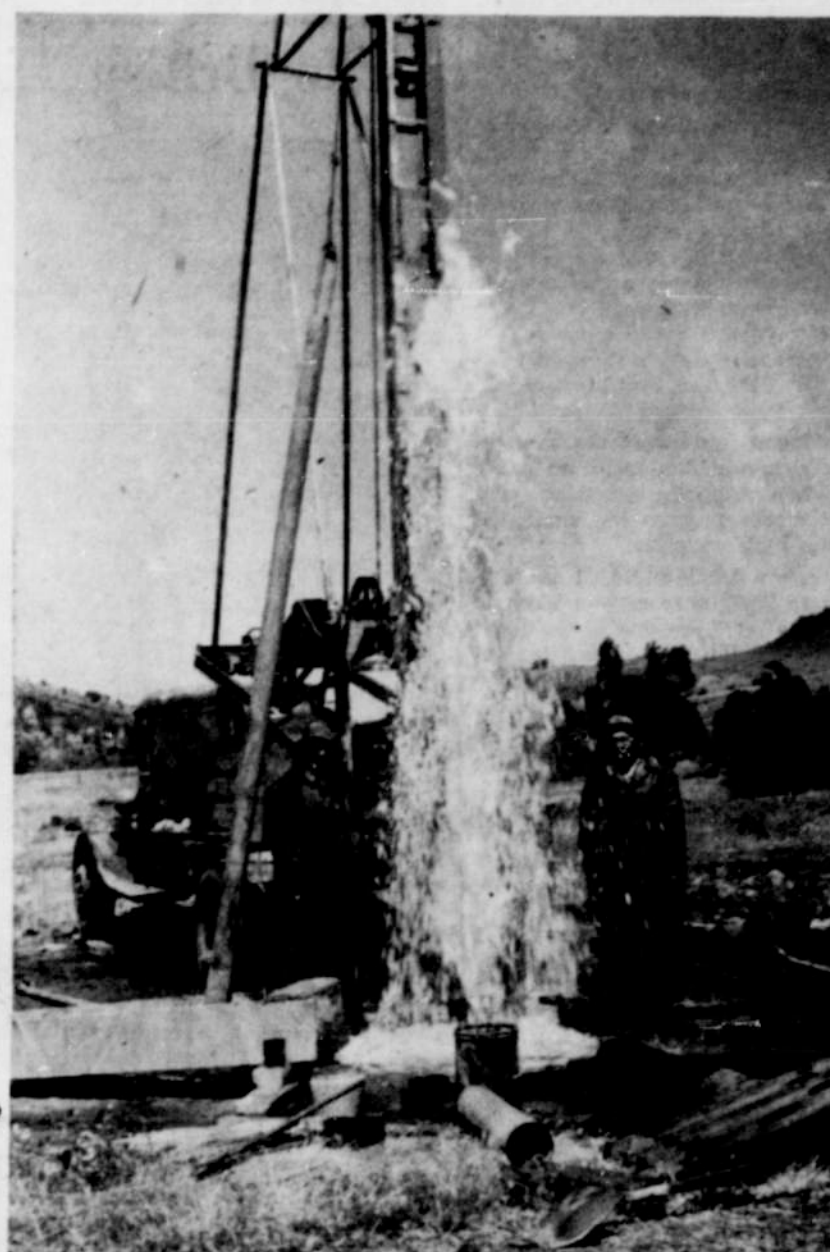
Piluso has built up a wide following in southern Oregon because of his clean and clever ring work. Recently he stopped the winning streak of both the Black Panther and Don Sugai but in facing Kennaston, Piluso will be up against one of the game's nastiest wrestlers and anything may happen.

Indian Frankie Clemens, the Oklahoma wonder boy, and Don Sugai, Salem Jap, will mix in one of the preliminary bouts, which promises to be an outstanding legitimate scrap. Both boys are faster than lightning with a new grease job, and have at their command an excellent knowledge of holds. Clemens' Indian paralyzer and Sugai's many jiu jitsu maneuvers will make this one of the best scientific matches Promoter Mack Lillard has scheduled in some time.

Prince Mehalikis gets another chance to square himself for a previous defeat at the hands of Jimmy Mitchell, alias the Black Panther, when they tangle in the other preliminary mix. The Panther took two straight falls when the two grappled in a recent main event.

Principals of the two preliminary matches will flip a coin to see who opens the program and who works in the second encounter.

Fizz-Water Geyser!



DRILLERS Robert Burns and Rudolph Kuhn are shown above standing beside the six-inch spout of lithia water geysering from their third test well sunk for F. J. Burnham on city property at lithia springs three miles from Ashland proper. Burnham is seeking sufficient gas to justify installation of a large dry ice plant here to utilize natural carbonic gas which has been found plentiful. Should further test holes indicate that the lithia-gas deposits are general, Burnham will bring to Ashland a new industry and payroll. Photograph by Bushnell Studio.

PLAYGROUND TO BE SUPERVISED DURING SUMMER

A NEW playground program, supervised and directed by Eleanor Coombe and Leighton Blake, will get under way Monday morning, June 17, at the playgrounds in Lithia park and will continue for duration of the summer.

Children under 12 years will meet in the playgrounds in the park mornings between 10 and 11:45 o'clock and in the afternoons between 1 and 5 o'clock to engage in planned activities including games on apparatus, low organized games as marbles, hopscotch, horseshoes, basketball and goal shooting, and bean-bag games, and will enjoy a story hour in the early afternoon.

Girls over 12 years of age will meet in the park between 1:30 and 4 p. m. and under the tutelage of Miss Coombe will take part in archery, badminton, volleyball, pingpong, horseshoes, quoits, tennis and, if plans are carried out, group singing and rhythmic.

Boys over 12 years will meet with Blake on the high school athletic field from 1:30 to 4 p. m. and will be provided with facilities for playing volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, pingpong, tennis, bicycling, hiking and a softball league, to be formed early next week.

Special days will be arranged for children to hold a pet show, have a dress-up day and enjoy overnight hikes for boys.

Plans are being made for the boys and girls over 12 years of age to go from the playground to the swimming pools between the hours of 4 and 5 p. m. in a supervised group where instruction will be given to beginners. According to Blake, as soon as possible other activities and some practical, inexpensive craftwork will be added to the program.

The new playground program will run Mondays through Fridays and supervision will be provided in the park from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Saturdays. All children are urged to attend and make use of this recreational opportunity.

3-C Enrollment Period Will Open on July 1st

Selection of applicants for duty with the CCC will be conducted starting July 1, as announced by the state public welfare commission.

Applicants from Jackson county should apply to the Jackson County Public Welfare commission, city hall, Medford, in order that application blanks may be prepared before actual date of enrollment.

Applicants for CCC must be male citizens of the US, unmarried and between the ages of 17 to 23 years, inclusive.

JUNE McDUGAL CANDIDATE

American Legion and auxiliary members are being urged by Herb Moore, commander of the Ashland post, to cast ballots for queen of the Cavalcade of the Siskiyou for June McDougal, their candidate.

SEEN IN A DAZE



RAY FRISBEE modestly admitting that warm weather hit southern California at the same time he did because the place was excited over his arrival.

DOROTHY and BILL BRIGGS casually entertaining a mere 80 guests at a steak supper.

LUCILLE SMITH averring that the band concert in the park was nice but that the splinters in the benches weren't.

BILL KAEGI carrying his Boy Scout lore to the back porch.

HIRAM OSTERMAN disbelieving all he hears after believing what he heard once.

JESS LILLY shelling TINY JONES in true thespian manner with a handful of apricots.

BOB BURDIC meeting feminine admirers at the recent band concert.

JEAN FRIDEGER storing her traditional blue for a cooler and spiffier looking white.

PARKER HESS batting over 300.

MINERS-TALENT, DODGER AND ELK BATTLES TONITE

GAMES TONITE
8 p.m.—Miner Press vs. Talent.
9 p.m.—Dodgers vs. Elks.
GAMES MONDAY
8 p.m.—Varsity vs. Pine Box.
9 p.m.—Miner Press vs. Dodgers.
GAMES WEDNESDAY
8 p.m.—Talent vs. Varsity.
9 p.m.—Elks vs. Hilt.

THE SECOND one-third of the Ashland softball association's league will get under way tonight on the lighted high school athletic field when, at 8 o'clock, the Miner Press meets the Talent Merchants. In the only previous encounter between these teams, the Printers helped themselves to an 11 to 7 win but since then Talent has greatly improved in both hitting and fielding.

Although the Dodgers started in a blaze of glory by whipping the Elks 14 to 5 on opening night, they have weakened considerably and fans are forecasting a possible Elks victory in tonight's nightcap.

The Boxers have been weakened greatly since a number of their best players have gone to the National Guard camp. The Varsity also will be playing with a revised field because of camp and SOCE students home for the summer have left other gaps.

The loss of Ray Coleman by Hilt will be felt, since the southpaw slugger and star outfielder has gone to join the St. Louis Browns. Talent's lineup has suffered no losses and has been showing improvement in every game.

A Medfordite, Allen Kester Conrad, was fined \$10 and \$250 costs in city police court Monday on conviction on charges of reckless driving Sunday.

SOCE TO OFFER CAA TRAINING THIS SUMMER

A FEW positions still are open for applicants interested in civilian pilot training at Southern Oregon College of Education, according to Marshall E. Woodell, director of pilot training. Wood has been received that the Oregon State Board of Higher Education has ruled that students may register for civilian pilot training without being required to register at the college or to pay the usual registration fees. However, requirements as set by the Civilian Aeronautics authority stipulate that individuals must have received scholastic credit for at least one year of college work during the scholastic year of 1939-40, or possess a degree or graduation certificate from some college or junior college, or they must have received scholastic credit for at least two years of work in some institution of higher learning. Other personal requirements are that they must have reached their 18th but not their 26th birthday on or before June 1, 1940, and must not have held any certificate of private grade or higher. Students also will have to meet physical requirements for a student pilot certificate.

The civilian pilot training course will be given without charge to all individuals who are recommended and who meet the requirements of the Civilian Aeronautics authority.

All students interested, who believe they are qualified, should call at the SOCE administrative offices as soon as possible.

Mrs. Robert Gilberg and son Dickie, who have been visiting relatives and friends for some time here, returned to Palo Alto Tuesday.