

# The Editor Speaking

WITH full material assistance pledged to the allies, the United States has one foot in the war and the other on a national election.

To date in Europe France has done the hardest fighting, England the best talking, Germany all the winning and Italy has gobbled up the free lunch.

Henry Ford claims he can turn out at least 1000 planes a day, but just how he'll build so many hard places to get at with a wrench is hard to explain.

The good old days were when you could pick up a newspaper and find some good news in it.

Folks are so accustomed to blaming everything they dislike onto Moscow and communism they have completely forgotten that Harry Bridges, their favorite villain on the west coast whom they would deport, came here from Australia.

Free speech is an American privilege if you're careful what you say, or if you don't say it to your victim's face.

It was a wise calendar maker who decreed that Sundays should be seven days apart, which is just long enough for last week-end's sunburn to recover for another exposure.

## Burnham Sinking Fifth Gas Well At Lithia Springs Site

F. J. Burnham, lessee of the city lithia water property, decided after drilling 335 feet into hard bedrock, to abandon his most recent test well because, even though he did draw gas, he did not get sufficient to cause a gusher.

A new well, fifth in the series, was started yesterday morning and by sundown a depth of 50 feet had been reached. Gas in the new well already has been encountered and, according to Burnham, it looks like a dandy.

## Quiet Vote Polls But 32 Ballots Monday

POLLING 32 unopposed votes in regular election Monday afternoon, Mrs. Etta L. Schilling, retiring chairman of the Ashland school board, was reelected to her third term as director, to serve for the next three years. Other directors are Frank J. Van Dyke and Frank Davis. In the board meeting, which was held Tuesday evening, W. H. McNair was named chairman, Dr. R. L. Burdick vice president, and F. S. Engle was reelected clerk.

## OSC Boosters Will Give Dance June 27

The Jackson county Boosters' club of Oregon State college will sponsor a dance to which the public, especially high school students and recent grads, are invited on Thursday, June 27, at Twin Plunges as a part of a plan to make the public more Oregon State minded. James McNair, vice president of the club, invited students and new graduates to attend free but said that any and all boosters and alumni of Oregon State can buy tickets either at the gate or at McNair Brothers drug store. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

## KLAMATH LUMBER WORKER NABBED AS DRUNK DRIVER

A Klamath Falls lumber worker, John Clarence Hill, 47, was released from city jail early Sunday after promising to mail \$50 to cover his arrest, which was made Sunday morning near the Klamath highway junction by City Patrolman Vern Smith on charges of drunken driving. Hill was detained after Smith had followed him through the city. Hill's companion, Dayal Allen, 42, of Medford put up a \$10 bail on a charge of being drunk in a car.

**Frank Beck 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)  
"STAR DUST"  
"THE SHOWDOWN"  
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
"REBECCA"  
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

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## Parade Master!



**HERB MOORE**, above, Thursday night reported that preparations for Ashland's July 4 parade were being pushed to completion and that already more than 30 organizations and groups had indicated they would enter elaborate floats. Moore proposed a new line of march for this year, with the procession to start at Helman and North Main, as usual, proceed out East Main street to Union and return to Third street, thence north to B street, down B to Oak and back again to Main street, enabling more visitors to see the complete parade, which is expected to be the best in Ashland's history. Last year so many people thronged the downtown area that many were unable to view the attraction.

## STREET NAMING AGAIN GETS EYE OF COUNCILMEN

**ASHLAND CITY COUNCILMEN** in regular meeting Tuesday night heard a memorandum read by City Attorney Frank J. Van Dyke, studied a report by Street Supt. Frank Davis and disposed of other routine business matters in a short but effective session.

The memorandum read by Van Dyke was a proposed policy for operation of the newly acquired Ashland golf course and the councilmen, after hearing him, started consideration of an ordinance to cover the subject.

A president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and three directors, elected annually, would govern affairs of the organization and would in turn be supervised by a committee of three councilmen. Membership would be acquired by paying annual fees and any individual membership would be entitled to one vote and a family membership to two votes in the business affairs of the club. If the ordinance is voted the club will pay for use of any city equipment supplied for use there and no funds of the city will be used for maintenance or operation of the golf course. The council, as the city's representative, could at any time be empowered to close the course if management or operation were not satisfactory. Liability insurance will be required of the club.

### To Rename Some Streets

Expenditure of \$65 to \$75 was voted for repairs to the Elizabethan theater in Lithia park, which is becoming more publicized every year. Frank Davis reported that residents within certain areas are in favor of changing names of some streets in Ashland to correct confusion resulting from having two streets of the same name. Beach avenue would be called Emery avenue, Glenn street would be called Grange, and the continuous road now known as Stanley, Oberlin and Willow streets would be called Oberlin throughout its length. Also an unnamed street located near Mayor Wiley's home would be christened Wiley's way.

Paving work for Liberty and Allison streets was voted, and Nutley and Iowa streets will get road oil. The council delegated a committee of members to appear before the county court to ask a share of the .9 mill tax levy allocated for bridge construction. If the request is granted and the use regarded as legal by the city attorney, the city will use such funds in bridge work here, including rebuilding of the washed-out Mountain avenue bridge.

Councilman Guy Applewhite presided as chairman of the council in absence of Mayor T. S. Wiley and Councilman Ralph Koozer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor drove to Yreka Tuesday on business.

## Why Keep It Secret?

Unheralded and unbeknown to most Ashland voters, a school board election was held Monday afternoon at which 32 ballots were marked. Although it doubtless was not intended as such, the election assumed the appearance of a sneak vote.

Such quiet elections have been held before in Ashland and the practice of keeping them under cover, whether by intent or neglect, is unjust both for voters and for school board members. The small votes cast easily can be—and frequently are—misunderstood by residents and Monday's vote leaves directors open to unjust criticism.

Ashland's school board certainly has nothing to fear from a large turnout at the polls, for members have been performing an increasingly satisfactory service. They are entitled to the widespread expression of confidence and appreciation of voters.

The school board should carefully avoid any appearance of conducting its affairs as a closed corporation, for after all they derive their authority from voters of the district, and 32 ballots are not representative of a city of 5000 people, although we feel certain that any number of voters would have unanimously reelected the incumbent whose term was expiring.

The hush-hush technique should be discarded for Ashland school district affairs as undemocratic and unfair to the members themselves. Voters have little cause for criticism of the way present school board members are handling their duties.

School board members should be particularly careful to see that the light of publicity falls upon their next election, for it will leave a much sweeter taste.

## THESPIANS PICK TECHNICIANS

Technical heads for the current Shakespearean festival productions have been named here this week by Director William David Cottrell.

Stage manager for the 1940 season is Kent Robbins of Ashland. Richard Putney has been named electrician, while Frances Schilling and Jean Grantham of Medford are book-holders. Miss Schilling has served in this capacity for the last four years and is thoroughly familiar with all phases of the plays.

Technical directors are Dick Farmer and Delmar Solem of Tracy, Minn., who arrived in the Lithia city after a hitch-hiking jaunt half way across the nation. They succeed Robert Stedman, attending summer school this year but planning to join the troupe in July.

Dorothy Pruitt, a veteran Shakespearean actress who has been with the festival since its creation, is handling the assistant director's job this year. She also is doing the adaptation of "Much Ado About Nothing," transposing the drama into modern tempo.

Original music will be composed by John Reischer of Medford, another veteran actor. He holds several leading roles in the plays. LaMerle Beck, starting her second

## Lady Blames FDR For 'Bluing' in Lake

REGARDLESS of the trend of conversation, sooner or later politics will out, according to Harry Travis, Ashland business man who visited Crater Lake with a party of relatives this week.

While at the rim Harry overheard a group of eastern ladies asking a native of the park region what a pack train was doing on the trail to the lake's edge.

"Well, ladies," grinned the mountaineer, "to tell you the truth, they're carrying bluing down to the water. You know, no lake in the world could really be as blue as Crater Lake."

"Well! Isn't that just like the New Deal—imagine wasting thousands of dollars coloring a lake just to fool tourists!"

"Yes, and it won't be long till they're cussing Roosevelt for the salt in the ocean," added Travis.

Mrs. E. H. Poole visited with friends in Klamath Falls Monday.

and year with the festival is directing dances, along with holding major roles.

The complete cast for "Comedy of Errors" has been selected and will be available soon, Director Cottrell said.

## Art Director!



**LOIS M. BOWMER**, head of the art and property departments of the sixth annual Shakespearean festival productions, above, again is handling extensive wardrobe problems and authentic costuming of the casts for four plays to be presented Aug. 9 through Aug. 17.

## PLAYOFF GAME TO FOLLOW ELK-MINER SESSION

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Miner Press	2	0	1.000
Pine Box	1	0	1.000
Hilt	1	0	1.000
Dodgers	1	1	.500
Varsity	1	1	.500
Talent	0	2	.000
Elks	0	2	.000

A GAME to determine the second-place position for the first one-third of the city softball league standings will be the feature game at 9 o'clock tonight, June 21, at the high school diamond. The Varsity and Dodgers, tied for second place with four wins and two losses, will battle it out for the honors. The Miner Press and the Elks will clash in the first tilt, scheduled to start promptly at 8 o'clock.

The remainder of the schedule for the second round follows.

June 21—Miner Press vs. Elks; Varsity vs. Dodgers.

June 24—Talent vs. Pine Box; Miner Press vs. Varsity.

June 26—Miner Press vs. Pine Box; Dodgers vs. Hilt.

June 28—Playground benefit night; Elks vs. Pine Box; Dodgers vs. Varsity.

July 1—Talent vs. Elks; Varsity vs. Hilt.

July 8—Dodgers vs. Pine Box; Talent vs. Hilt.

July 10—Talent vs. Dodgers; Pine Box vs. Hilt.

July 12—Elks vs. Varsity; Miner Press vs. Hilt.

## Store-Door Pickup Rail Service July 25

Inauguration of free store-door pickup and delivery service on less than carload rail freight shipments being shipped to or arriving from transcontinental points will become effective July 25, it was announced this week by the freight traffic departments of all transcontinental railroads serving the Pacific northwest.

This service has been established for local traffic for the last several years but this will be the first time in Pacific northwest transportation history that the service has been offered for transcontinental shipments.

Under the new service shippers who have less-than-carload shipments to send to eastern points may have their shipments picked up at their door for no extra charge, or if they are receiving shipments of this class from eastern points it will be delivered to their door at no additional expense.

Shippers who do not wish to take advantage of this service and continue to make their own arrangements for pickup and delivery will be given a five-cents per hundred-pound allowance, it was announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ramsay of Klamath Falls visited here Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Maude Reger.

## 12 EPISODES TO FORM PAGEANT OF HISTORICALS

MORE than half of the 12 episodes for the gigantic Cavalcade of the Siskiyou pageant, to be held on the Ashland high school athletic field July 4, 5 and 6, are near completion or at least are nearing production form," said Jack Bailey, production director, when interviewed yesterday, "and all because the cast—which, incidentally, is all local talent—takes so easily and quickly to the interesting history of Jackson county and are conscientious and aggressive in rehearsals."

The pageant, which will include a prologue, 12 episodes and a finale, will depict the history of this county from the time when it was inhabited only by Indians up until the present day. The Ashland American Legion and its auxiliary will portray the first wedding in Jackson county, attired in the dress of that day consisting of tight-fitting pants and airplane collars for the men and beautiful hoop skirts for the ladies. And, according to Bailey, they are beautiful.

An Indian scene, which will be set up before the eyes of the audience in less than two minutes, will portray the four Indian tribes in Jackson county when the first settler's wagon train arrived and will show Indian signal fires, dances, wrestling, gambling and Indian songs along with a full Indian village made up of teepees, fires, canoes and other Indian equipment.

### Americanism To Be Featured

Because of the stress placed on people by the wars across the seas, a great deal of Americanism will be featured. A flag ceremony; a group of American girls, who will give an elaborate drill; the American Jackies, a group of 16 young ladies, will take part in a number, and the Trail Riders' club, mounted on picked horses and with a color guard, will put on a drill of their own choosing, all to be a part of the Americanism idea.

A distinct feature of the production will be a ballet by 30 girls, taught and directed by Bailey, who is proving to be a versatile and energetic pageantmaster.

The grand finale will form a huge wheel of life and each episode that has gone to make up the history of this community will be depicted by a human spoke. The entire high school athletic field will be used for the portrayal and the wheel will be rimmed by the Ladies of the States, USA Girls and the American Jackies. At a signal from the queen of the pageant—who has not yet been selected—the huge living wheel will revolve slowly and that, together with the colorful costumes, will make up a sight never to be forgotten.

The cast, which numbers nearly 400 persons and ranges from six-year-olds to men and women who were here when some of the historical events portrayed took place, have been rehearsing morning, afternoon and night under the careful tutelage of Bailey in the junior high auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Travis of Shelton, Wash., visited here Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Travis.

## SEEN IN A DAZE



By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER

DR. RALPH POSTON, in 10-gallon sombrero, emphatically saying "I am NOT a horse doctor!"

VIRGIL and LUCILLE JACKSON, DON and DONNA SEARS and CLARA FEDERSON sunbathing themselves till they looked like fugitives from a restaurant window full of cracked ice.

BEN TANNER being deserted by LEE RYAN with a husband due any minute.

PARKER HESS wearing a cowboy hat so he will look like a bull-thrasher, too.

CHARLES PETRI showing up at the Monday softball games in a half-gallon hat.

ETHEL HENRY locking herself out and calling in the fire department for assistance.

BILL SNIDER complaining because his ears get tired holding up his cowboy hat.

## A ROMANTIC WESTERN LOVE STORY

by **FRANK H. SPEARMAN**

Author of

"Whispering Smith" and "Gunlock Ranch"

In the early days of California, roving bands of Indians and lawless "squatters" made peace and quiet a thing only to be dreamed of by the Spaniards who owned large cattle ranches along the Pacific coast. Carmen, daughter of one of these wealthy Spanish Dons, is captured and carried off by Indians and it is Henry Bowie, Texas scout, just arrived in California, who saves her and returns her to the safety of a near-by mission.

Being in search of further adventure he immediately forgets the incident. Years later it is brought to his attention when Carmen, having once spurned his love, now sends for him. How she learned that Bowie was the hero of her life's greatest adventure is but a part of this thrilling love story of the West, that makes Carmen of the Rancho "must" reading.

## CARMEN OF THE RANCHO

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