

# The Editor Speaking

WITH constant insistence that American security only can be guaranteed by all possible aid to England short of war, it now appears that we are about to sign a declaration of dependence.

One of the most annoying high-way pests is the dope who loud-mouths with his horn.

Charlie McNary and Wendell Willkie met for the first time the other day and the latter was in the bathtub at the time, probably acustoming himself to hot water.

Perhaps one reason why Uncle Sam was in no position to give immediate material aid to the allies in their hour of emergency was because the old gent had been kept busy holding the bag for 'em.

England's most tragic figure, Neville Chamberlain and his umbrella, will be remembered as a withered old man of skin and boneheads.

The present war seems to be one of movement, and in the case of the sea battle between England and Italy, at last reports the Italians were still in front.

Now we know what happened to the nudist fad. These abbreviated play suits which the gals can wear down town were too close competition.

Weston, Oregon's population count missed 500 by five persons and although it is hindsight, we suggest that the community should have given Leader Editor Clark Wood the job of enumerating. He's usually seeing double. And if he weren't so no-count, the town would be one nearer its goal.

Whistling is said to be a sure sign of a moron, and we know a number of folks who're too dumb to even pucker.

Funny how the fellow who'd give you the shirt off his back usually wears a work shirt.

## EDUCATORS TO BE SOCE GUESTS

Educators from schools of the Oregon state system of higher education, the public schools of Portland and other cities, and the office of the state education superintendent's office will be guests of the faculty of Southern Oregon College of Education Aug. 1 and 2 when the Ashland division of the third annual institute of professional relations will take place here.

Dr. William G. Carr, director of research for the National Educational association, who is a widely recognized authority on school administration, will be the main speaker and will lead a symposium of school administrators who will talk on "How Can Nationwide Educational Policies Be Created and Maintained."

Dr. A. S. Taylor will preside over a group of laymen and educators at a noon luncheon in the Lithia hotel Thursday, Aug. 1, and at 8 o'clock that night Dr. Sherman L. Divine will preside over a meeting in the college and will discuss "Educational and Economic Wellbeing in the American Democracy."

At 9:50 a. m. Friday, Aug. 2, in the administration building, Dr. Walter Redford will preside over a discussion on "The Teacher's Place in American Democracy" and Dr. Carr will lead a panel discussion group including J. W. McCoy, DAR regent, Ashland; Mrs. Alice Willits, H. H. Elhart, Mrs. James Edgar and J. H. Hardy, Ashland, and William McAllister, Medford attorney.

The Friday afternoon session will be presided over by Dr. Wayne W. Wells and will begin at 2 o'clock.

## LAYS OUT DRUNK FINE

Roscoe Berryhill, Ashland, arrested for being drunk on a public street Monday, was fined \$10 and \$2.50 costs by Police Judge C. O. Prensall. Berryhill chose to "lay out" the fine and was released Thursday.

Mrs. C. J. Anderson 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) "FORTY LITTLE MOTHERS" "HIDDEN GOLD" (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "TYPHOON"

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## ALL-STARS WILL MEET CLOWNING GHOSTS TONIGHT

THE NEGRO GHOSTS, world's craziest softball team, from Sioux City, Iowa, will meet an all-star team from the Ashland softball league at the high school field at 8:30 o'clock tonight, July 12. This game will be preceded by a league clash between the Elks and Varsity, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

The Ghosts, who have won 47 games out of 51 played so far this season, defeated the Miner Press here last year by a 7 to 6 score in one of the funniest exhibitions ever seen on the local diamond.

Their shadowball infield practice is one of the most screaming exhibitions of any team on the road and the Ghosts promise to include it on tonight's program.

Some of the clowns who will form the Ghost lineup are Babe Savors, Pee Wee Williams, Oats Fields, Les Wilkinson, Cool Papa Johnson, Mickey Mouse and Red Strickland. Wilkinson is the tall,anky pitcher who completely baffled Miner batters with his fast ball last year.

The all-stars, chosen by players and managers, who will oppose the negro lineup are as follows: First team—Tallis, Hilt, pitcher; Simpson, Dodgers, catcher; Jones, Pine Box, first base; Silver, Miner Press, second base; Hess, Dodgers, third base; Charlie Jandreau, Pine Box, shortstop; Francis, Hilt, Barksdale, Elks, and Miller, Dodgers, outfielders.

Second team selections include Charlie Warren, Pine Box, pitcher; Zanotto, Hilt, catcher; Carl Harris, Elks, first base; Bentley, Pine Box, second base; Rose, Hilt, third base; Leever, Dodgers, shortstop; King, Pine Box, and Hall, Miner Press, outfielders.

## Pine Box Turns 'Giant Killer' to Upset Hilt in Wednesday Thriller

Pitching the best game of his career, Charlie Warren and the Pine Boxers gave Hilt his first upset of the season and walked off with a thrilling 8 to 5 victory in the second Wednesday night game.

The Boxers, batting first, capitalized on four Hilt errors in the first inning, and along with one hit, put three runs across the plate. Every Boxer played fine ball with the exception of Ed King in center field, who muffed three balls in the sixth inning and one in the first inning. He made up for it, however, by making seven putouts. Delbert Jones, Boxer first sacker, hit a home run in the seventh with two on.

Score by innings: R H E Pine Box ..... 300 110 3—8 5 9 Hilt ..... 100 002 2—5 7 7 Batteries: Pine Box—C. Warren to Gettling; Hilt—Tallis to Zanotto.

## Talent Hits But Twice

Darby O'Toole gave Talent but two hits to shut out the Merchants 6 to 0 in the first game Wednesday. O'Toole was backed by excellent fielding and only two errors while Talent made seven bobbles.

Bill Ausland, who had pitched all season for Talent, was knocked from the box in the third inning and Vernon Riggert finished the route.

Score by innings: R H E Talent ..... 000 000 0—0 2 7 Dodgers ..... 123 000 x—6 7 2 Batteries: Dodgers—O'Toole to Simpson; Talent—Ausland and Riggert to Childers.

## Ashland Police 'Nab' Car Thief in Station

Either Ashland police have such a reputation for efficiency that miscreants throw in the sponge when they hit town, or the sight of Officer Parker Hess melts 'em. Thursday noon Ray Baker, 17, of Portland walked into the Ashland station, doffed his hat to Hess and announced "I just stole a car in Portland and want to give myself up!"

When Hess recovered his poise he accommodated the auburn-haired lad, took over keys to the car and checked with state police. Taken about 12:30 a. m. Thursday, the sedan had not yet been reported as stolen. It was undamaged.

Baker, who explained his action with "I just thought I'd better give myself up when I got to Ashland," stole a Portland car about a year ago, he said, and was apprehended in Medford. He served one month in a detention home. He is being held in jail for Portland police, who are expected today.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tryon were business callers in Medford Tuesday afternoon.

## Ashland Featured In WPA Writers' Guide Book of Attractions

ASHLAND, famed as the home of the Shakespearean festival and of the Southern Oregon College of Education, is featured in the tour section of the state's first complete guidebook, "Oregon: End of the Trail," written by the WPA Oregon Writers' project under the sponsorship of the Oregon state board of control. Ashland is on Tour 2 which includes a mile-by-mile log of US 99 from the Washington state line to California and the lore and history of each town and community along the route. In addition to the travel information the guidebook contains a review of Oregon history, a wealth of general information of statewide interest, maps and illustrations.

"Oregon: End of the Trail" is one of the American Guide series of travel books written by WPA writers' projects for the territorial possessions and states of the union. The Oregon volume, written with both tourist and arm-chair traveler in mind, follows the series pattern in giving a complete picture of the state. Binford and Mort of Portland published the Oregon guide.

## 'BLACKOUT' HITS WHEN CAR BURNS

"Where were you when the lights went out?" was popular small talk in Ashland following an unscheduled blackout of the city Wednesday night.

Every light and electric appliance was inactivated from 10:20 to 10:55 p. m. as a result of an unusual car wreck between Ashland and Medford.

An automobile driven by Jack Smith, with a companion, Lloyd Morrison, both of Medford, caught fire under the hood near Voorhies crossing as they were returning home from Ashland and when Smith thrust on his brakes, the car swerved to side of the road and overturned, wedging itself under a wire fence. Smith and Morrison were able to squirm free of the wreck before it was enveloped in flames. They stopped traffic to form a safety area. Flames shooting skyward burned the California Oregon Power company's four high-tension wires that carry electricity to Ashland. Some homes in rural areas were without power for several hours.

## Wrestling to Resume Week from Monday

Mack Lillard, Medford wrestling promoter, announced yesterday that there will be no wrestling matches in the Medford armory Monday, but that the weekly programs will be resumed Monday, July 22.

Lillard stated that he was unable to sign Dangerous Danny McShain for a Medford appearance next Monday but definitely had the former world champion tied to a contract for the following week-end.

## Errors Are Costly Monday as Softball Action Is Resumed

Errors were costly at the high school softball park Monday night as the city league resumed schedule after a week's layoff because of July 4 activities. The Pine Boxers were knocked off their perch at the top of the standings by an inspired Dodger team which tipped the Millmen 10 to 4 after a nip-and-tuck battle that saw the Dodgers forge ahead with four hits, four errors and five runs in a big, fifth inning.

Talent played the best game of their season in losing to Hilt 6 to 4 in the nightcap. Talent was forced to borrow two Dodger men—Parker Hess and Leonard Warren—to fill out their lineup and it was an error by each of these which allowed the margin of victory to cross the platter. Bill Ausland turned in an outstanding game for Talent in giving Hilt only six hits while his teammates garnered four blows.

Score by innings: R H E Pine Box ..... 012 010 0—4 5 11 Dodgers ..... 212 050 x—10 8 3 Batteries: Dodgers—O'Toole to Simpson; Pine Box—C. Warren to Gettling.

Second Game Talent ..... 001 010 2—4 4 5 Hilt ..... 010 104 x—6 6 4 Batteries: Hilt—Tallis to Zanotto; Talent—Ausland to Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Evans of Marysville, Calif., who have been residing at the Talent camp ground, returned to their home Monday.

## PLAY STREAMLINER!



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR of the 1940 Shakespearean festival which is presenting four plays here during August is Dorothy Pruitt of Medford, shown above. A veteran player in the group, she is adapting radio scripts and recently has completed revision of the new "Much Ado About Nothing" production.

## DAV and Families To Picnic in Park Sunday

Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Jackson county chapter No. 8, and their auxiliary will hold an annual picnic in the upper end of Ashland's Lithia park at noon Sunday, July 14.

Every member will bring his family, a basket lunch and a disabled American veteran friend. Signs leading to the picnic area will be posted, according to Carol J. Parker, commander, of Medford.

## Chipman Will Move Across Street on 15th

Because better business conditions demand more floor space, Chipman's Smoke House, for the last 16 months located next to Fortmiller's, will move to new quarters in the Melkie building at 149 East Main street and will be open for business there Monday morning, July 15.

The present line of soft drinks, magazines, tobaccos, candy, novelties and other sundries will be expanded and some new features will be added as time permits. The Dollar Lines ticket agency will be retained.

The business, to be known hereafter as Harry Chipman's, will be open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. every day of the week with Annes Norris as assistant clerk.

## Ashland Juniors Lose To Medford Nine 6-5

The playground boys under the direction of Leighton Blake took to the hardball diamond for the first time Wednesday morning when they were downed 6 to 5 by the Medford junior Legion club.

The score was tied 5-5 going into the last inning when Croft made a wild throw to second base to let the winning run cross the plate.

Don Warren started on the mound for the Ashland boys and was relieved at the end of the fourth frame by Dom Provost. Warren gave up two hits, allowed three runs, struck out three and walked one while Provost allowed no blows, three runs, whiffed three and walked seven.

Score by innings: R H E Medford ..... 003 011 1—6 2 3 Ashland ..... 101 012 0—5 8 3

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hamilton of Medford called on Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamilton, the former's parents, Monday.

## PLAYS WILL BE STREAMLINED AND SHORTENED

ADAPTED by Dorothy Pruitt, a veteran Shakespearean actress who has temporarily deserted speaking roles this year to handle the assistant directorship, a new and modern version of "Much Ado About Nothing" will be given audiences who attend the sixth annual Shakespearean festival here next month.

The show itself has been cut from a two and one-half hour to a one and one-half hour production and those who have seen previews are enthusiastic over the new appearance. While the original quality of Shakespeare is still evident, the production now has the tempo of a modern musical comedy, complete with original music, specialty and dance numbers.

Meanwhile rehearsals on the three other plays now are in full swing. Practices are being speeded to some extent in preparation for dress rehearsals which start July 22. Director William David Cottrell is stressing efforts to iron out the "rough spots" in the plays and is confident that the 1940 audiences will be well pleased with the results.

The sponsoring membership drive has opened in both Ashland and Medford. The Ashland drive is under the direction of Mrs. H. M. Schilling, while in Medford Mrs. Alice Egan and Mrs. Margaret Henry are handling the work. Three other communities in this area are to be included this year. Inasmuch as the festival is community property and is operated on a non-profit basis, it was decided to include Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and northern California in the activities.

Plans for the itinerary of Queen Elizabeth and her court in line with a good will tour throughout the state are being made and will be announced within a short time. The queen, Mary Shreve of Medford, is attended by Carol McCollum of Ashland, Phyllis Collier of Klamath Falls and Marilyn Sherlock of Grants Pass.

## Back Year Later, Hobo Offers Pay For Old Handout

WAR CONDITIONS and hard times always bring out many men who are eager to take advantage of the public's sympathy and have their brawny hands reaching anxiously out for any piece of money that might fall into the eager paw, whether honest or otherwise.

Then, too, times such as the world now is going through create knights of the road, better known as bums. A year ago one of these fellows hopped off a freight train in the local yards and sauntered up town in search of food and tobacco.

At Chipman's Smoke House he was given a five-cent sack of tobacco and he went on his way. Wednesday afternoon of this week the same hobo returned and offered to pay for the tobacco, stating he had found a small job here.

Proving, perhaps, that all the 'boes on the road aren't tramps at heart.

## NEW CHEVY SMACKS FORDS

Vernon E. Rush, 18, Ashland youth, was suffering with a broken right foot, a deep cut in the right knee and several cuts and bruises following an accident in which a car driven by him failed to negotiate the plaza corner and crashed through front door of the Henderson Motor company.

The automobile involved in the early Thursday morning accident, was a 1940 Chevrolet sedan owned by Vern Hastings. It was completely demolished. Three new cars on display in the Henderson showrooms were damaged.

## Second-Round Play Will Finish Tonight

Table with 4 columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Rows include Pine Box, Hilt, Dodgers, Miner Press, Elks, Varsity, and Talent.

Games Tonight: 7:30 p.m.—Elks vs. Varsity. 8:30 p.m.—Negro Ghosts vs. All-Stars.

Games Monday: 8 p.m.—Dodgers vs. Elks. 9 p.m.—Miner Press vs. Hilt.

Tonight will mark the conclusion of the second one-third round of the summer softball league—with the exception of playoff games and postponed contests. The Miner Press and Hilt, originally scheduled to clash in the second game tonight, will play as a feature game Monday night. If Hilt wins this game, the Boxers and the Californians will be tied for first place and a playoff will be necessary.

The schedule for Wednesday night, July 17, depends on the outcome of tonight's games and the completion of the second round. At this time a schedule for the final period will be drawn up.

## EDWARD CATE IS NAMED PRESIDENT OF SOCE CLUB

The Oregon History club has elected officers for the summer session at Southern Oregon College of Education.

The successful candidates were president, Edward Cate of Ashland; vice president, Robert Nichol of Grants Pass; secretary, Edmund Dews of Ashland; treasurer, Muriel Samuelson of Marshfield, and advisor, Arthur S. Taylor of the college faculty.

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Young BOBBY CRAMER building an ant's nest. HARRY HURST telling motion picture operator FRED CUSHING to run Outside of Paradise. ARCH BARKSDALE trying to hit an oil company official in the head with a softball while COLLIN MOORE is awed by his ability to even hit the station. WALTER LEVERETTE awakening from a sound sleep unaware that he had left his car engine running all night. DUTCH PARKER bitterly observing that work is more plentiful and earlier for him on July 4 holidays than otherwise. POLICE DEPARTMENT calling for bids for a "welcome" mat for the front door.